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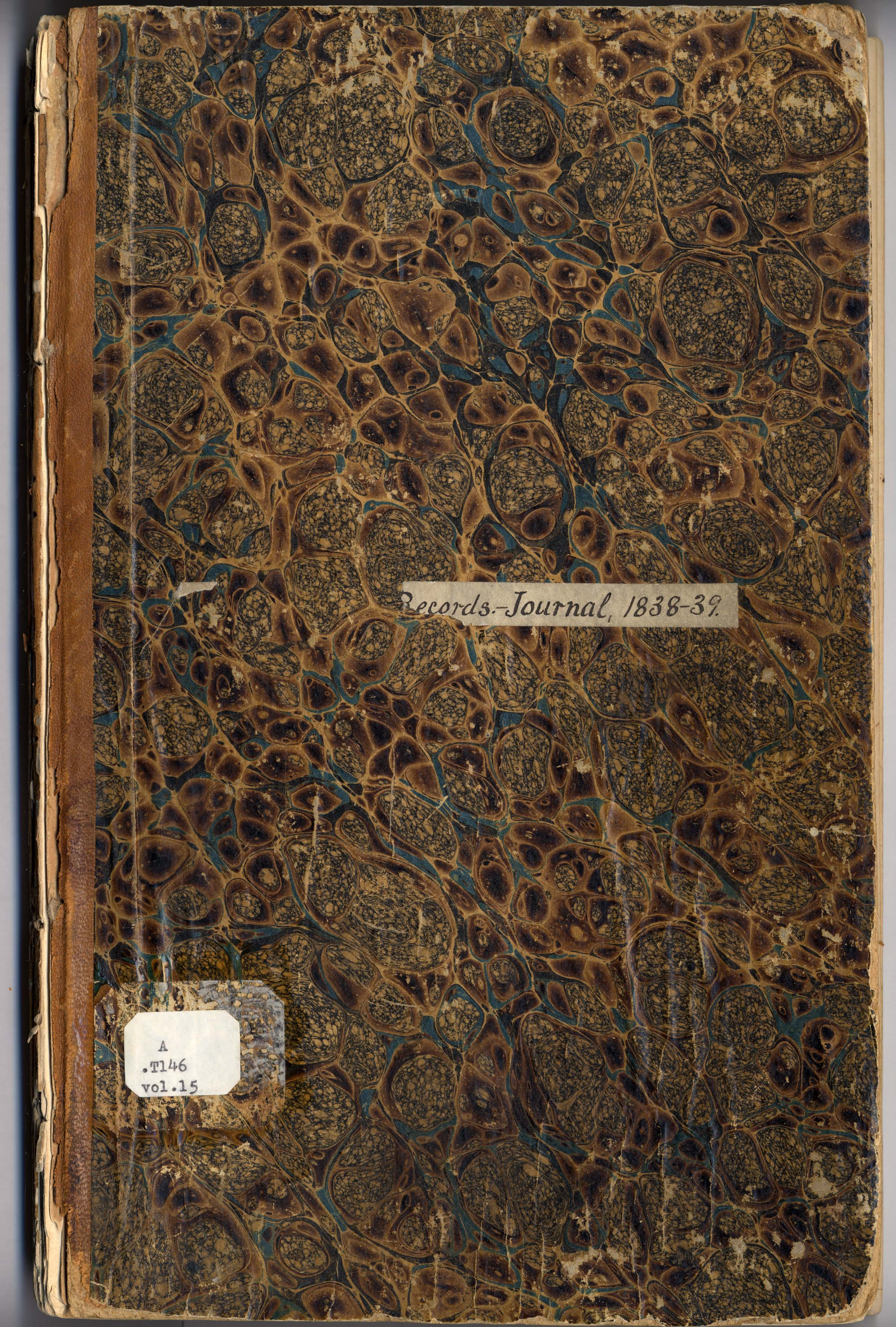
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1838

May 25 - St B - J. 2nd, J. 6th
 Major Plympton Com Fort -
 June 7. Big Thunder reports
 H. L. Dr. talks -
 & H. Fremont as and
 Mrs. Peters
 (9) Big Thunder complains
 of Peter's report & that
 Perry has been in the
 land & selling whiskey
 (13) He comes Burlington
 arms with Gen. McKim
 through the mouth of
 (15) St. Pierre -
 (19) Sac. Lawrence widens around
 J. R. Pinner
 (20) April arrives with arms
 of satisfaction
 (24) Burlington arms
 July 15th
 Salween arrives with ratification
 28 Capt. Stone 40 days from
 Sacramento
 August 31 Oct for Lake Arrowhead
 & from
 16th of the month of the
 coming falls off the water
 bridge
 25 - in collector Fremont return
 27 April arrives with Peter's
 Smith
 Sep 20 Beam B. April arrives

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May 25

Steamer Burlington arrives with stores &
 passengers
 J. H. Nicollet & exploring party
 in Fremont

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The South Inspector Wah-paa-koota, and the
 several bands of the Minnawastanton
 Sioux - notified to meet at the Agency
 on the 5th of June in order to receive
 their annuity under the 4th Art Treaty
 of Peace and Amity of the 15th of July 1830.
 Some excitement as to the Treaty of 1837. Sept 29.

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Several House Chiefs & heads men came at
 the Agency and found general conversations
 on their affairs - reports all winter unpleasant
 to the Indians - & calculated to render them
 suspicious of the government and dissatisfied
 with their treaty - & if practicable with their
 Agent and Inspectors

May 29

Spent by the talk of the Indians that they have been much worried on the subject of the Sales of their lands - that the treaty would not be fulfilled - that their people thought they would be deceived - with many other idle stories - The Agent is doomed to be answered by having to make frequent & repeated appearances of the poor people of the government -

30

Again this day I find but little time to make up my official papers for today. The Indians' flock in to the Agency to see me & speak of their affairs - Shippenas & the attack of Hob in the day "a Chippewa Chief on some Sioux today on the 12th of April past and the murder of 13 of the Sioux men but mostly women & children in cold blood I will report the facts in this case as soon as I can hear from the gunners -

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Report the condition of this Agency officially to Maj J Plympton - Command of Fort Snelling -

Big Thunder & his Band of Sioux visit the Agency this day. give provisions to them. Report also to the Supy of Indian Affairs relation to the Sioux Treaty - & the feelings and views of the Sioux of the vicinity of Fort Snelling - When Sag-Tag & Red Tail are in the habit of talking to the Indians about their official connection with the government. It is a hard matter for the Agent to describe their ears as to much recumbent stuff infused into their minds -

June 1.

Send an Engr. Message to the Supters - Washburn Horta & Medawakantaw Sioux that we should be ready on the 10th inst to pay to them their Annuity under the Treaty of July 15 1830. -
Peace in Chien -

This will be accomplished at their expense to the Dept

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I visit Lake Starnat Mission School and the Lake Cathoon Agricultural farm -
The Rev. J. & Shrest engaged in planning for the Indians -

The Lake Cathoon Indians visit the Agency - Talk with them & deliver bread & clothing -

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It is reported - but not officially that the Sioux have killed several heads of cattle and some horses & hogs at different times for the residents on the Reserve at this Post -

It would be some policy to keep the whites and Indians as far apart as the local condition of things in this country will permit -
The Treaty of Sept 29th 1830 of Washington - ought to have been ratified in March -

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Several Chaps at the Agency this day Big Thunder & other head men of other Villages -

I spoke to the Chaps. as to their people's impudent acts in killing cattle - hogs &c. - that if they continued it would lead to bad consequences to them - I also alluded to the Treaty they have made, and assured them of its final ratification & fulfillment. Therefore to say nothing about Indians which had been false nor the land - but learn the whites alone and not seek to disturb Sellers nor to make war on the Chippewas on the lands which they have sold to the United States -
The Chaps assured me that the Interpreter that they would attend to my Councils & wait for the fulfillment of their business with the U. S. Father

St. Louis April Friday 8th June 1838

Calends on by Mr. J. B. Faribault relation to his claims
under the treaty of Sept 29 1837 with the Sioux
He wishes to

Louis Prouvencher sent relation to his son - Related by a son
Joseph Laframboise asking if his son may not be
taken into case on half breed claim to allowance
under treaty with the Sioux

A canoe arrives from Prairie du Chien with the witnesses
Against the Indian (a Chippewa) who murdered
the son of W. A. Adams - The Indian has been
unfortunately cleared - a horrid example
our civil tribunals are to uncertain for Indian
justice - we must continue to proceed with
impunity such repeated insults

I inform Mr. Prouvencher that all these councils in cloud
with the Indians who Related his son last winter
was to put him in the Grand House - feed
& sustain him on Bread & Pork - send him
for trial to Prairie du Chien & of course
without satisfactory testimony of the fact
have the additional pain of watching him being
set at liberty by the jury -

He supposes this was very true & most ready to assent

Saturday June 9th

Mr. Kerr of Mepowis arrived this morning with the
Contract of Beef Cattle for this Post -

Delegates of heads men sent by the Chief Big Thunder
on Specials business with the Agent -

The latter as spokesman says - we were sent by our
Chief to thank a few words to you

Mr. J. N. Nicoll with his Corps consisting of Mr.
Frement Civil Engineer - Mr. Gayer. Botanist &
& Mr. Slander apt to Mr. Nicoll life on their tour
of Reconnaissance of the Indian Country Country
between the River St. Louis and the Mississippi &
Mississippi under the orders of the Dept
of War -

Mr. Joseph Laframboise Interpreter & a crew of
seven or eight men - departed from this
Post on their arduous duties - all our
best wishes attend the expedition

Message of Big Thunder

My Father - I send clear to Kook's men with
several of our principal men - to inform you
that several foreigners are locating on our
lands & on those sold by us to the U. States
I wish to hear from you what is to be done as our
Treaty is not ratified and these people are cutting
planting & selling woods -

These things seem nasty on their part & I think they
might at best wait until the news of our Treaty is
fully known -

I also wish to let you know that there are two
men Peter Perrott, & old man Perry near us
on the River - they have cattle & other property
would it not be best to order them off - or
until we hear from our treaty - let them to be
careful not to molest our young men - we
look for their things - and our young men might
do them some harm - or kill their cattle -

My Father. It is my duty to let you know all things
and I await your answer -

Answer by the Agent

Are the men on the Islands & main there on the
west - if only in either position I will answer
And yes they are some selling wood on a large
piece of ground near them from a small
stream paper round it - but it almost joins
the lands west -

The Agent

All these Islands in the River belong to the East
Side of the River by your Treaty this
I distinctly state so that hereafter there may
be no mistake -

Tell my friends your Chief that I will keep and
pay to the persons named as I hear one
of them Perrott is located below the canoe to
sell whiskey -

Our Treaty will be ratified & under them let things
stand as they are - you don't lose anything
by the whites - your good Father alone loses
lands he will soon attend to his own concerns -

I will order them farmers to keep quiet if they do
not I will force means to make them -

Stelling Peter Sunday June 10
1838.

Heavy fall of rain last night - accompanied
by lightning & thunder - & a few several hours
As usual I was washed out of my Bed
and my whole house flooded with
water - & no help for it -

The Rev. P. M. Riggs a missionary arrived from Lac qui par
Reports all the Chiefs & heads men from their Quarters
on the way to this Agency - here to day or tomorrow
Sermons preached to the Troops by him -

1 Tah Saung - 3
2 Ahpka hoh Tah - 3 These chiefs of the Wahpaukosta.
3 Red Eagles - 3 136 in N. arrived from the Plains
4 Skush Kah Nah - 3 with a party of their people to receive
their Annuity for 1838. sent for 10 days since
Spent only 100. Nations for this evening
Council & payment out tomorrow

Tah Saung. Chief. Remarks

My Father - we are here to day. I always
listen to your Councils & messages - you sent for us 10 days
ago. but fearing accident from a well known Quarter
(Essex & Foxes) we had first to dispose of our families
Security in the woods before we could leave
them in safety - we received your message as
to the views & intentions of our old enemies, and
we thank you -

We are but 136 in number here presently and feel tired
and hungry - when we go back to our people I hope you
will give us three or four barrels of Pork & flour -
as a treat to our women & children -

My Children

I am glad to see you for the last four days I have
felt much uneasiness on your account - I am pleased
also that my messenger reached in season to place
your families in more safety from the marauding Foxes
and Tories.

I am grateful that the Great Spirit has been pleased
to permit us once more to meet in this house - and
that we may thank him a very long time
on tomorrow we will be visiting

Monday June 11th 1838

- 1 Boko Saung & his or the Broken Arms heads of the
Bois France Indians arrived at the Agency on
a friendly visit this day -
 - 2 Tawakah Munnis or the Big Walker with a portion
of the Susquehanna also arrived from Sever Lake
to receive their Annuity for 1838.
 - 3 Skush Kah Nah & party of Wahpaukosta also arrived
for their annuity -
- Mr. Phipps by note says he will be ready to witness
the payments this afternoon -

Am't Paid to Wahpaukosta Indians
Annuity 15 July 1830. for 1838 -

Heads Names	N. each Village	Des. Articles Shown	Notes
Tah Saung & Keeyah 3	2 2/5	9 7/5	27 5
Skush Kah Nah - -	45	110	110
Ahpka hoh Tah 2 - 3	56	115	115
Wah made Sappah 3			
	326	Amount	500

The Indians being asked in what they desired the
next Annuity paid in - for 1839 - submitted the answer to
the Chief Tah Saung - who said - My Father - As I said
before I always prefer goods instead of money - I have
no more to change my mind - we don't know the use
of money & therefore we wish our Great Father to use
your money the best he can in buying goods for us -
we wish for our next Annuity in goods -

Tah Saung - also said - that he had decided his means
under the Treaty of 1830 - with the Micmacs & sent him
his funds - & he expected this year after their Treaty
was fulfilled that they would be as generous with
him & give up what he had given 20 & 20

The Agent - My friend - from all I hear & know
from a letter dropped in my ear by our
people - that you will not be disappointed
after we hear more from below - you can
then come this way in August to see them -

Tuesday June 12th 1838.

A large number of Indians at the Agency this day - 280 or 300.

Spent. Dations 270 to the Wahpachewas and suspects going off to their homes after receiving their annuities -

Several letters to Capt E A Hatcher with accounts of annuity payments &c.

Order the Treaty Smith to do all repairs of work for the Indians without orders - new work to be ordered ~~not~~ work for any citizens without exp. permission

Wednesday 13th -

Very bad and rainy weather - so disagreeable that the different Encampments of Sioux who were to break up this day - remain stationary - at Hock. Pile. The Chiefs & made new call at the Agency and ask a conference

All the neighboring Chiefs being present we converse on the affairs of their people concerning their Treaty of Sept last with the United States - difficulties with the Chippewas particularly in allusion to the murder of 13 Sioux of Lac qui parle - by Sioux Indians on the R. of April last - On day march from Mr. Revolver's Post -

Also in reference to the trade & their antipathetic miserable conditions -

The Agent responds - as follows -

My friends - You are in an unpleasant situation it is true - but who is to blame for your present position - You have been counseled to keep the peace - and but few of you listen - You have taken large Arches and you have made no return to your traders Your young men have killed our people - Your people have committed murder by killing young Brown and wounding Mr. Brown You have killed the unoffending Potawatamies and stolen their property - Thank of all these things before you complain

The Burlington S B. Capt Throckmorton arrived this evening brings & deposits

Gen Atkinson's L. & aide Lieut Alexander on a

Tour of inspection of the frontier Posts -

Mr. Atkinson, & Mrs. Ballitt	Ladies
Capt Marygate the Hon. Esq.	Mrs. Hunt
A. Spalding Esq.	Mrs. Seymour
Mr. Blow -	Mrs. Elwes -
Doct Elwes U.S.A.	Mrs. Bronson
Benj. F. Baker -	Mrs. Throckmorton
Mr. Steele -	Miss E. B. Hood -
	Miss Sibley
	Miss Lane
	Miss Beebe

With many other persons through whom I ~~do not~~ know - Fort Snelling is becoming noted for its beautiful position at the junction of the Mississippi & River St. Peters. 20 years ago. I thought it more interesting than now.

Thursday 14 June

The Genl Atkinson with his family & all the passengers visit the Falls of Anthony & the Lake I have no leisure to accompany this party - Very many Indians at the Agency - I have been kept busy answering their questions all day -

Friday 15 -

The Post inspected by Genl Atkinson -

I send dispatches to Gov Doug of Wisconsin and Annuity Act to Capt E A Hatcher with -

The Steam Boat Brazil - Capt Smith a part of Gov Doug's family passengers - Our Post is busy with two S Boats at once a novel sight for St. Peters -

Mr. Jos Reveller Esq. arrives with 120 Indians from Lac qui parle on the St. Peters - The Indians come without an invitation from the Agency. Their presence is only calculated to give trouble to the Agent - & embarrass the Indian parties to the Treaty of 1827

Saturday 16th June 1838.

Ke ne ah see
Etah Wah Keah } Chaps of the band of
5 Lodge Superintendence
arrived at the Agency with their people
25 Hds of Pork & flour issued to this party who
are suffering severely from hunger -
The Chaps state that the Mat St Nicolas & party
on the Steno - and receiving a mouthful
of provisions from him for which they were thankful
S B. Brazil - left at 10 o'clock AM for St Louis -
A private letter to Gov Deerp by his Daughters
a War Dance by 40 Sioux Braves at the Agency
by the Wahpeton Sioux of Lac qui parles

Sunday 17th

Ke ne ah see of the band of 5 Lodge Superintendence
at the Agency this day - issued 25 Hds Pork & flour -
Rev. Mr Rigg preaches at Fort Snelling - and we were
entertained with Sioux songs by the Indians of Lac qui
parles - These Sioux songs being correctly & in some times
to the astonishment of the audience of whites -
I might say more upon this interesting subject, and the
actions of the Rev Doctor T B Williamson of the
Mission at Lac qui parles under his direction
and the aid afforded him by Jos Kinnala Sen.
in improving the minds & conduct of the Wah-
peton Sioux - Many of whom not only know
their own names - but composed a good letter
& perfectly intelligible - I have had the
pleasure of receiving several written com-
munications from my Indian friends at
Lac qui parles - in their own written language
The Rev Mr Bronson of the Methodist Church
preaches at "Coteau water" also this day
near Fort Snelling -

Monday June 18th 1838.

1 Ke ne ah see Superintendence 2 100 lbs Tobacco 2 3 pr. Blank
2 Etah Wah Keah do 3 100 lbs Lead 2 1/2 pr. Shovel
3 5 deep do 3 50 lbs Powder 3 1 Calico
Prescribes to the 3 day Run 2 1/2 pr. Vornela
5 deep Superintendence 1/2 pr. Must Kellie 3 1/2 pr. Slop
1/2 pr. fur awes 3 1 pr. Slop

Letter from - Wahpeton Chaps of Lac qui parles
& Brother
After Council Present - as follows

100 lbs of Tobacco 2 1. pr. Calico 2 3 doz Knives
60 lbs Lead 2 2 pr. Vornela 2 1. pr. Slop
2 Hds Powder 3 1/2 pr. Must Kellie 3 1/2 pr. Slop
3 doz Slop 3 1/4 pr. awes 3 3 pr. Slop
4 pr. Slop 3 2 pr. Slop 3 1/2 pr. Slop

The Chaps & Bands men ask to Council on
tomorrow on their affairs & the Chippewas -
I got a Statement of the murder of the Sioux
on the 11 or 12th of April last by the Chippewas of Sandy
Lake from the Rev T. S. Williamson of Lac qui parles
only this day of war the 28th of April which I suppose
not have gotten early in May

Tuesday June 19th

A Horse of O Couteau Neah Smith shot in the shoulder
& badly wounded by some Indian unknown
with an arrow -
5 or 6 Horses killed & wounded in the village of
the Black Dog - 3 miles off - difficulties
among themselves -
The Superintendence Sioux of the band of 5 Lodge sent
a note to this Agency on business - being
from those suspected by their people - left at
night - I am sure they were not
to blame -
The Indians of Lac Thonnes wounded J. R. Berin
and killed a half breed - Louis Provencal for
near the White River - The ratification of the
Sioux Treaty being too long postponed - distrust &
unfriendly feeling exist 30 or 40 Hds of Calico Kellie

Letter Agency Wednesday June 20th 1838

By Rais of Post & flour issued to the
Wahpeton & others of Lac qui parle

I informed these people that after 3 days
we could issue no more rations

To settle business relations to the Methodist
Mission at Petit Corbeaux Village. The Reverend
Mr. Benson & the members of the clergy
family met at the Agency this day in Council
with Wahkeon Sunkah Chief & his men

Mr. B. explained fully his views in locating
at this village - what he was seeking to do, &
what the people might expect of him & what not
also what demands had been made by them
at different times &c.

A letter received from Mr. Nicolson by the Chief
Sleeping Eyes - from Haverd and Siskiwit - he was
well and party & going on well - date 17th inst

Esatah Sunkah Chief, & Wahkeon Sunkah Chief
Chief of Haverd and Siskiwit arrived at the
Agency on business

Steam Boat - Ariel, from Louis arrived this
afternoon with Sully Hens - we heard
from a passenger Mr. Beebe that the Senate
had ratified the Sioux Treaty - I trust so
for the sake of humanity

No letters or papers private or official received
by any one at this Post

I enclose Mr. Williams letter to Gov. Dodge
relation to the murder of 13 Sioux by the
Sandy Lake Chippewas on the 12th of April
last near (30 miles) Lac qui parle

Letter to Capt. Hitchcock with Dis App Estimate
for \$5,500 worth of provisions for Sioux
under treaty of Sept 29 1837

Letter to Mr. Taliaferro -
at B. a. p. -
Com \$1,000
Flour 3,000
Post 1,500
\$5,500

Thursday June 21st

1/2 pe Shawl wove Thuring 1/4 pe calico - 1 2/2 pe
Blanket. Threading & d. Felted from the Office -
The Superintendant in Council -

Esatah Sunkah Chief - Rose & said
My Father. we have known each other long - from
young men to old - I followed you years
from by to see our great Father - since when
I have felt strong & have his Council fresh
in my ears -

My Father - we have done this best we could to remain at peace
the nothing but our bodies to roll about the
plains with - like your nation we cannot
altogether control our people - some have
hungry feet will give us trouble - you have
stern punishments which inflict on your
bale people yet some they do mischief
for this we suffer. for our traders seem
disposed to desert as in our extremity

My Father - we are badly off and things look worse with us than
your nation formerly - as my people have in response
to listen & do well I hope you will let our great
Father know of this that he may take pity on us -
If some of our nation humbled badly we
ought not all to suffer for their acts - try my
Father to help me, and my people

My Father - I have been lately with your friend Mr. Nicolson
at my place - he is going through our country
I hope he will see our situation in our own
lands & country & report truly to our great Father
we have a large fine country but our game is
nearly gone & what we like our traders want
take - so we know not what we are to do
the coming winter - these things give some
of our people hard feelings and they often
behind animosities and consequent

My Father - I could go with you this day, but as we
are well acquainted - you know me, and
I will not trouble your ears longer further
than to say - help me as far as you
can - and I shall be thankful

Wahkeon Sunkah - very good & Shaker
of his visit last summer with
the agent to see his great Father

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I gave full explanations into the nature of our
position & claims here - that as they have been
since stated to have around payment for the Park
& certain lands adjoining - & debts owing as to the
funds & the extent - The President had directed
\$4,000 - more to be paid - of course we should
hold if ~~the~~ through prosper to the of main system
and if the Comdg Officer permitted the woods &
timber cut from the reserve - it was his business
and not theirs in future

(I had the \$4,000 -
and no more said by my
brothers -)
Moore omone - 2
Wah nae son toh } Chiefs of the Little Rapids Washpeter
Luna's called at the Agency - and
made a few remarks as to the affairs of their people

Saturday June 24, 1838

I send to the Washpeter Bands of Lewis
of the Little Rapids 48 Rats of Pork & flour -
Unexpectedly all the Heads of Villages called at the Agency -
including the Indians of the Washpeter Bands of the
Little Rapids Lacqui pale &c &c -

The Comdg Officer Maj. Plympton asked to be specially invited
to sit in Council with the Agency on the occasion
Major P. consents to meet the Chiefs & heads men -
Who it is ~~that~~ that that the minds of the Indians are at ease at this
moment I know not - Any thing & every thing appe-
aring of late calculated to excite them -

This Council specially called may develop some points as per
Chap Lacqui pale

The "Little" rose and said (after a few words to his people)
My Father & my Brother (my P)

I came down to see you both - I intend to
to address my remarks to both - I have met with many
misfortunes in life - but never with one so heavy as the
one recently felt in the murder of my people near our
place a short time since on my own lands by the Chippewas
- I have some of my friends here present who traveled to
see our Great Father - I live a long distance off - I try to take
care of our traders - and it is seldom we hear from a Council - but
still we listen and my bands - our enemies are not content
with intruding on our lands and destroying our food - but
must kill my people -

My first opinion was when your troops came to this country
was to protect our people - the Sioux nation - but I now

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finds it is not so. I hope to hear something from you this day which I
may repeat to my people when I get home -
- I came down with great hopes of seeing one of our people - who was
missing & taken away by the dogs who murdered us this Spring -
but it is not so. Many of our people begin to think that you think
more of these dogs than you do of us - I leave my friends about
here to look after our interests when I have four hours -

Marcheek - Snee War Chief - of Lacqui pale
My Brother - I address myself to the Chief of the Soldiers - I am
a Soldier - & not a Chief - the man who struck on us was
here last winter to visit you - he told me so and that you
my Brother advised him to be at peace with us, & to throw away
the tomahawk - but he did not listen he decided on
and the result of my confidence was a great loss to me -
My Father - I am a Soldier and I have but one word - I speak
plain and wish to say a word to you this day -
- The manner in which the Chippewas behaved was shameful
they cut up our women in a horrible manner - I hope
when you are prepared you will satisfy us -

My Father The Steps you take are not strong enough - you send
words that won't do. I put one of my own people under
guard for doing those people an injury - all know this
we wish to get a few of these people into our hands for
the loss of our friends - we can't plant people to grow
up as the trees - when they are gone it is not in our
power to replace them - I depend upon you
My Father and my Brother - I depend upon you - If nothing
is done soon or you can't do it - I rely upon my relations
here to see us righted -

All things the "Hole in the Day" - a good man - he
has changed, and hereafter you never can do anything
with him - he is lost as a friend to peace -
The "Potomac" of Lacqui pale

My Father & my Brother - I address you and our relations
who went on with our Father to Washington - they heard
good things and they have been repeated - The news
our people brought to my lodge was true - The Chippewas
after being frozen on the bank we had for up in the night
& cut up our people in pieces. I was one who assisted to
bury their bodies - we first did hands to go to war - but
decided just to report to you what had taken place -
When this happened was not on their lands, but on ours. I have
been long then the I belong here - the Chippewas would
take interest on our lands - & we never had a difficulty
with these people but on our own lands.
You know the people about here they have done all

The cause to keep peace has you Kikanda & of our people for
 Kikanda two of them - The Chippewas Kikanda & of your own
 people and many others of your people and have been
 the cause of much trouble yet nothing was done with them
 you spoke of us to us to keep the peace - at last you spoke
 strongly and since that we kept quiet.

It is our wish that you do us justice try, and
 give us & of this people - put them in our hands
 for the satisfaction of those of our people who have lost
 their relations and then every thing will go on as
 usual.

We depend on you both my Father and my Brother for
 your assistance - all our people depend on you
 as Chief of the Soldiers - we look for our women
 who is a prisoner to be returned to us - we think she
 is crying, and they think so - which makes their hearts
 sore - we wish for some of these people to revenge
 ourselves upon.

We wish to return home when we shall remain until we
 hear from you as all are anxious to be quiet.

Maspee weechas Tah - of Siqua River

My Father Three Springs ago the news from you reached
 me to keep the peace - I came down & delivered myself
 up to my Father at this place along with others - for what
 had been done - since then I have been at peace.

All our affairs seem to be against us - every thing we do
 and the least thing we do - we are called upon & brought
 down, and made to account for it - & yet no matter
 what the Chippewas do nothing seems to be done to them.
 When we take Prisoners we are asked for them - but when
 we ask for our Prisoners it seems a long time before they
 are asked and perhaps not at all.

I depend upon the words of our Great Father & his Will
 while so - we have been killed with Sticks, Knives and
 Stones - we generally are killed, and killed in our wars
 our being given leads to our misfortune & loss.

The lives between us are respected - but we cannot not
 keep the Chippewas off of our side of it.

Mosomonech & old Siqua War Chief said

My Father, & Brother - I wish both of you to listen to me
 what our people have said to you this day concerning
 their afflictions. brings tears in my eyes - indeed my
 heart is touched deeply at the recital of the cruel
 & horrid murder of our people by the Chippewas.

My Father - When I speak I speak plainly and not with a
 forked tongue as do some Indians - I keep back

nothing - I really think none of the Chippewas Chaps were engaged
 in this horrid matter - only a few call fools.

I have known a good many of the Chippewas - the "Stony Ground"
 "Hole in the Day" & several come down here, and counsel with
 you & then go back home and act differently - I know them
 well for I have found them on my own lands.

When we have any thing to say we call the great Spirit to witness
 we do this to Great Chaps the women & children of our people here
 have been killed like we destroy young potatoes and it is for this
 cause that our people feel sore at heart - there are wrongs for
 which the ask, and expect redress.

When our people used to go to war - we had but to go on our own
 lands to find our enemies and then meet them - they were at
 all times easily found & intruding them, and if they were killed
 on our lands it was their own fault - we have families of young
 to support from our lands as well as they - and want our
 lands free to us for that purpose.

We well know that it has always been your Councils to keep
 peace - our people here wish to know what they are to do and
 what is to be done - whether they are to sit with their arms
 folded - or to settle their own affairs in their own way
 or not - they wish to hear soon - when at last having from our
 Great Father looked us well & helped, our women & children
 would live - I brought the news back, and our people were
 pleased - it was our women & children he wished to see him
 and it is there that have been killed.

Mahyah keh tah - Village Siqua Chaps near the Agency

My Father & Brother - I have listened to what my friends from above
 have said here this day and feel hurt and have held down
 my hands at what they say - for 19 years that we have been
 here near you many things have happened but yet still
 the country is quiet - you asked me to go on to see our
 Great Father - I went and was pleased with all that
 I heard, and saw - on seeing our great Father he
 gave us good Councils - we came back and the first
 thing we heard was bad news from about our people
 who had been killed by the Chippewas - on our own lands.

My Brother - When I received this news I went to the Fort
 and let you know what had happened to our people.
 When in Washington a man gave me this "Secret and
 said" with this you kill the white man - but when
 your Enemies strike - you may go to war with it.

Sunday Nov 24 1838

Nothing of importance transpired during all this day -
No visits of note or consequence from any quarter
Some few Indians came for Lac qui parle -

Monday 25th

The Indians of Black Dog Village complain of having their
Acorn Groves cut by Mr. J. B. Farnsworth orders -
& some timber of large growth -

I addressed a note at their request to Mr. F. on the subject of
the timber cut & asked him to explain -

Mr. F. came over to the Office and said - He had had some
50 or 60 cords of wood cut but no timber - I stated
to the Indians that as it had been heretofore granted
by them a few rods of fire wood for their houses - I
did not see how an acre even cutting & excepting
could be made in their friends case - so the matter
rests for the present -

Tuesday 26th

Again called upon by the Chief & his head men to say
they were not satisfied - the head presented my
note to Mr. F. & he had replied to them - by abuse -

I was asked to send a note for Mr. F. & ask his
attendance at the office as they desired to ask him a
question in my presence. Mr. F. appeared -
in course of conversation Mr. F. stated that besides the wood
cut, his son Oliver informed him that 15 timber trees
had been cut - The Indians demanding satisfaction
He consented to give a bag of corn 2 Bushels
for whose head was destroyed - The Indians
demanded - to this small compensation - but I told
them as all provisions were scarce & high to take it

Then being several Chiefs & Head men present of the neigh-
boring Villages - I was earnestly requested to
obtain of the Comby Officer a loan of a few
Bags of Corn - Potatoes & flour - until the arrival
of the Indian Supplies - by which they said

Nothing would be lost but faithfully returned
this they urged on the ground of absolute want & approaching
starvation for their women & children -

I remarked in reply that I knew there was every disposition
in the breast of the Comby Officer Maj. P. Chapman to
serve them - & he would do so if not inconsistent with
his other duties -

License granted to St. A. Selby to travel at St. A.

Amogewash? Head men of Skalkoos Villages arrived
Hoe yah pah at the Agency on business -

These Indians asked if Mrs. Farnsworth their relative
might not remain where she was - & asked for a paper
to confirm her residence &c &c

I briefly stated that there was no disposition to disturb her by
any one that I knew of - It was not in my power to
grant a paper of the kind asked - It would be better
enough to ask when her residence where she was
should be made a question - & as for as her rights
were concerned I would stand by & see her
justice - This the Eagle Head man approved of -

I also stated the constant complaints of the Black Dogs
Band to me of Mr. Farnsworth & others cutting
large quantities of wood & timber - & said to
send them lands near their Village - I stated
the case of Mr. F. of late & asked them as they
were well disposed to him & his family their
relations - to use their influence with the Band
officers to let the men alone in future
by so doing they would save me much trouble
& perhaps do better with their matter -

Wednesday 27th

The Head men of Lac qui parle came at the office
this morning to take leave

More for at St. A. &
More for Lac qui parle } then now spoke to me of
their affairs generally - as to the

trade - disposition of their people - the unfortunate
difficulty with the Chippewas - in all of which it is
plain they are an injured people -

They ask redress of grievances from the Government
and say they will wait for news from me - If none
therein arrived in 30 days of a satisfactory nature they
will strike a blow or two & then again sit still -

The Head men also request that when the Sioux
women sent for by me arrives here, & I return
her to her husband - they request that I inform
their friend who remains - that is is their wish
that he return home quietly - & do nothing -

I was to join my Council to them by request -

License granted to J. R. M. L. & Louis Provencal -

Thursday June 28 1838

This morning the Steamer Burlington arrived with 146 mens. Accounts for the 5th Dept. The Indians fretted in to learn news of the ratification of their treaty - news did not give satisfaction -

So much the worse for them & the United States - we have horses soon unless - The treaty be heard from satisfactorily. Comm. Indian Affairs - a strong letter of facts to turn on the subject of the treaty - hoping the Senate had not adjourned before its ratification -

Letter to Mrs. J. now in Bedford Pa -
The Mails

2 letters from Mrs. J. of the 17th & 27th of May past -
Also.

One official letter from the Act. Supy of Michigan W B Slaughter, enclosing a Resolution of the Senate House of Representatives 19th March 1838. calling on the President for information as to the intermeddling of foreigners in the affairs of the Indian tribes.

Friday 29th June

Nasiampa -

I am the Head man - called on the Agency from the Chief of Little Crow - Village & Sioux - My Father - the call on the Agency of our Chief to know if the S. B. at brought up our goods or if you have any news certain let us know - We wish to know the truth of you as there are some heavy traders who tell us that we are fools - and will be made fools of by our great Father - that we make a bad bargain, & if it was confirmed we would only get a part - of what was promised & & & -

Nasiampa Letter from Village? Shokoper - 20 miles do } Then head men for themselves
Anogonah do - do } and people request the Agent
Manzab Lunkaa - Letter from } to give them a paper - authorized
their relation Mrs. Philip Farrebank & family to remain when they come - I did so. under certain contingencies expressed in the paper -

Saturday June 30th 1838

Many Indians on the Agency - poor & miserable off -
Grand Port & flour to them -
Request Mr Stanley to take views in perspective of this Post, and its vicinity - for the use of the Dept a copy for the office of Indian Affairs -
Mr. Remond left this day for Lake Superior on his return to his trading Post -
"Ronde winds" a present to him & his people -
a present also to Remond's family
4 Daughters, & 4 Sons -

Monthly report to the Comm. Officer Maj Plympton

Requests - 6. for the current expenses of this Agency for the 2nd ending June 30 1838.

Made on June Samuel Whitehead Miss D. G. of Abstracts of Licenses forwarded to Supy of Indian Affairs for Wisconsin -
Abstracts of delivery of Agricultural implements now stored at the Agency & forwarded

Report to Gov. Davenport for the month of June
To Corior in affairs relating to U. S. Flags -
not yet supplied as promised by the Dept

Sunday July 1st 1838 -

Some Indians are becoming dissatisfied with the course of the Americans for Agency Agents & traders - no presents now given - and the trade generally suspended - I can now hear them say - we my Father ought always to listen to you - we have been slaves to our traders, and have listened to their Councils too long
They give us medals & flags, & Chiefs coats to work for & listen to their Councils but we find they don't last always.

Questions by the Agent -
What do the traders say in their Councils when the present is made -

Ans? I speak but never name me - for I should be free to suffer. They give one to Wah moodee Sappah one to the four Roads - one to Wah nae for the - & said - "You are to listen to us, and our traders in all things - you derive all your benefit from us - listen to us before you do to the Agent - we know what is best for you & our people & I

Agency Office Peters July 2^d Monday 1838.

Visited & inspected the Treaty House this morn. There were coal
age of work for month of June by & without orders.

Guns 96. Traps 48. Saws 166. Axes

Letter to L A Morris Comd. Indian Affairs - Relation to
Flags presented to Seneca Delegation in
October 1837 - also report of not being
satisfied with medals to replace those that
were lost by the Chief on the route from
Washington City to the Agency in November
last - stolen by the Boat hands -

Tuesday 3^d

Recd. F S Denton a letter from him at Lake
Superior - for a plough - rec'd this day
by the mail carrier.

I was amused at a report that 18 miles South East
from this Post a large body of Sac & Fox
Indians had just been seen.
Hundreds of horses also -
Miles Mountain & Iron returned the news
to be false -

Wednesday July 4th

The 62^d Anniversary of our Independence - &
26 guns fired as a Salute - This morning
and that this is my 19th year here as
an Indian Agent.

We had a delightful collection at the Comd. office
Quarters - May Plympton. Ice Cream
and Strawberry - cakes & wine of all
kinds &c &c - which we enjoyed much.

Thursday July 5th 1838

Report this morning that at Crow River a few miles
above the Falls of St Anthony east - The Chippewas
are said or supposed to have killed two or three
Sons of Snake's Village on the St. Peter
a great many furs were here -

Eagle Head, Mephus - reports - Nothing
from the Black Tom hawk.

The Black Tom came in & said news is of course - I have
been named by my people - My Father and
have a good deal of Chaps about us - let me have
my rights as a Chief & I feel things would go
better - No blood has been spilt - lies on a flag -

3 Guns heard near the fires in camp near 10th night

Friday July 6th

Visited the Lewis Mephus of Lake Superior 7 1/2 miles
West of the Agency - and witnessed the exam-
ination of the Scholars under Miss L C Stevens.
Tutors. Delinquent - the Academy herself well
as did the Chaldeans generally -

Mr Seely reports the loss of a pack of oxen &
one cream colored horse wounded & captured
by the Indians of Sioux Village encamped on
the St. Peter near Fort Snelling -

I informed him of the guns fired last night
& that if he were as he intimates - call
to report at the encampment. He might
detect the meat in their Stables -

Seneca Smith asked the following unexpected question
Do you believe the Indians have a right to
kill the cattle & persons on their lands -

Ans. Why the question

Ans. because I understand that it is your opinion
expressed &c

The Agt - I disclaim such a sentiment as now
such was ever uttered by me -

I stated that - Carter & Horns had no
right to go on the lands of the Indians &
if persons would intrude with such property
on Indian lands without their consent
as was the case - The Indians would claim
it as a right to shoot them -

The law was my friend I suppose no officers
apart from the law & my instructions

Friday July 6th 1838

Many idle Indians about the Agency. None about the Fort. Young men wholly idle and hoping for a piece of Beaver - all too lazy to hunt for food of any kind. Even to catch fish from the River or lakes. The women take Stewberries & get a morsel of Beaver when the young men stand ready to say -
Libby, Hunt & Farrebaute's Stated with them - Mr. Hunt - Miss Chapp

Saturday 7th

A number of Indians at the Agency. Saying we heard there were 200 Chippewas at the Lake coming down a day or two past from 300 Lac & Foxes within a few miles of this Post by report -
I told them they had better go off & hunt, & try and support their families. & not listen to all idle fellows among them -
A snow arrived last night from Mr. New York with a letter for me - I heard not or yet seen him - Therm 96° in the shade

Sunday 8th

Recd. Maj. M. M. Vennard's letter dated July 2nd Sandy Lake - He writes he down to the 12th with the Sioux woman Prisoner - to the Chippewas - taken by the "Hole in the Day" on the 12th of April last.
Had a long talk with the Head men of Shakopee Village now encamped on the River near the Agency.
I spoke of the acts of the Swans of late in shooting arrows in Horns & spearing them also as to shooting cattle belonging to traders & other Citizens of this Post -
Chaa Tuzgee - son of the Black Dog Chief, had killed two oxen for Mr. Libby & severely wounded another for Mr. Farrebaute also speared a horse for each - If such things were persisted in - punishment would surely follow.

It was also reported that Antoin Papin lost his only cow - by the hands of Kewmoks. Seen in Law. & Chippewas - May marks for -
Pee, naa factah - brought in to Lake Calhoun - the Bitter-headed & feet of said animal - so it remains between the three -

Monday July 9th

Wahkeen took his people from the 9 mile village below Fort Snelling on a visit this day - with me here as a heavy storm of wind & rain -
He came to say he wishes to go on to the lands near St. Croix with a few of his people - leaving all who have no guns to labour as they best might on fish during his absence with a few of his younger men -
He spoke of the Treaty & hoped the Pending women should be him for if it was not ratified one half of 5 villages would not be alive next spring - He for one got heart broken - If the Indians were killing horses and cattle it was not surprising - He felt sorry for it but it was all brought about by actual starvation -
He said - My Father - The Seven day appointment is not fitting our goods, & many early this spring we are over treaty of last year - has rendered our people miserable our traders have stopped credits - our game is gone & a man may starve one & two days & even three but on the 4th he becomes desperate & kills the first thing that crosses his path - Hence is it surprising our people occasionally kill an ox or a horse?
The Chippewas you know have swept off all our game on the Mississippi & the Snake Streams - coming & going from this Post - once they were used to be found below Crow Island, when we even at Wagon but since your Fort was established here & peace was started our lands have suffered to such an extent that we cannot see a deer or a Bear in all our days journey -
This year furs (Rats especially on which we depend) are worth nothing - the traders will not take them from us at any price - Reflect now seriously on our present condition before you hear too heavily on our people - you may be assured that in no former period for 20 years have we been so badly off in every respect.
The fulfilment of our Treaty alone will bring about a happy & quiet state of things for all parties therefore for the sake of peace - urge it on our great Father not to disappoint us -

Thunder & Electrically Vents & appalling during the forepart of this evening until 10th o'clk - Peals of Thunder incessant for two hours -
John B Raymond an old Agent of 65 years as he was looking out from the door of P Quinn's residence at Circle Water was instantly killed by a flash of lightning. Mrs Quinn & children near him were not injured fortunately - Mr Quinn absent as he is. Interment with my own hands for the Chippewas

Tuesday July 10th 1838

Attended the funeral of J. B. Raymond at the public Official burying ground near Fort Snelling - whose sudden death by lightning was named yesterday -

I propose a meeting of the Citizens for Thursday for the purpose of hiring a party to attend the herding of all Cattle of Citizens to prevent loss by Indian depredations that the farmers Indians reported for pulling up Potatoes in the public fields recommend a watch to the Army Officers as the women & children were in a starving condition. At Brant a half breed Chippewas from Lake Superior called at the office -

Wednesday 11th

Weather cool and fine after the storm of the 9th.
 Miss Kapp & St Peter again on the ice -
 Many Indians made a fair water at the Fort -
 The Army Officer speaks of soon returning to their visit - I think it at all times - prudent at least to permit as little insight into our workings as possible -

Thursday 12th

Visited the Smith Ship - inspection &c as usual -
 This is the day on which I expected Mr Vineyard with the Sioux Prisoner. It is reported that 300 of the Chippewas would come with him - I hope not for we may expect difficulty between them, and as the Sioux as considerable bad blood seems to prevail from recent causes -

I proposed to the Citizens of this Post to hire one man as a guard to herd their cattle for the summer months -

Friday July 13th 1838

Our Mail returned without letters or papers from Wahcoota at the foot of Lake Pepin - our last two mails of June 19 and July 4. Still there -

A written message from Wahcoota Chief stating the particulars of the death of Pige Snash nah munnis by a war party of Chippewas near his place & of the persons of them by his people - 3 of the Chippewas killed 2 drowned the Chippewas fled their away their guns Blankets &c & behaved after their affair in a most cowardly manner -

Saturday 14th

An Express sent off this morning - with another mail & to bring up any mail that may have reached the foot of Lake Pepin -

Shacope a Sioux Chief lost his wife last night - A Coffin made for her at the Fort - I present 1 Blanket & 3 yds of calico for burial clothes - previous donation -
 Cost - \$6.25 -

The Chief & 30 men came with a Pipe at the office this day -

Shacope - Saw - My Father - I felt last night on seeing the loss of my dear wife - long my best friends & looking at my little children now motherless that I wished to destroy myself -

I felt no longer a disposition to live but my courage was not equal to my wishes - I felt to weak to kill myself

My Father - I call on you this morning for Charity - of my Father I could not get a Blanket to cover the body of my dear wife - You have been kind and I thank you for the things given and for the Coffin - to enclose her body -

My Father - 20 of my people go off in the morning to my village to bury her. I wish for some provisions for a feast for them - we are now starving, & wish your assistance -

Mr Brant - a half breed Chippewas called to say that he was expected to notify me of the arrival of the Chief "Hole in the Day" with the Sioux woman his Prisoner at the Falls of St Anthony & would arrive at "Cold Water" near this Agency to night late to avoid meeting with the Sioux -

The Agent Mr Vineyard was buying cows the party - The Sioux village called, & kill one of their Cattle as they are in want -

I note the following remarks which occurred at the
Misses' supper table this evening—

Jack Wright stated to the Agent - That he had seen Tomah
drunk in the Fort

I repeat that I have ~~discussed~~ him under the influence
of liquor myself & I hoped it would not be repeated
that if it was it would become requisite to enforce
the law — This was between the Doct. & myself, and
not intended at the time to go any further — for I
was rather in jest than in earnest —

Mr. Thompson of the S.^{ts} took up the subject fraternally
 & said - If the Agents attempted to enforce the law
 against any officer of this Post for giving a scalp
 of a tyrant to an Indian that he should be
hushed & that such officers would do so. -
 Also if the Agents adopted any such measures that they
 should be excluded from the Garrison - at least
 so far as he was concerned or his enforcement
 would go to prevent it -

The foregoing is the Substance of what
Mr. T. said in presence of the Officers & Citizens of the
Twp as nearly as can be recollected.

The Appt is true from a remark so unprecedented
and unexpected—particularly from an officer of
the U.S. Army— responded warmly
"That he should discharge his duty with his company,
and that as to lashes— he should like to ^{see} any
officer dare presume to offer such an insult
that he would strike down the sacrilegious
hands that should dare to be raised for such
a purpose— Now I now seek for such an
attempt any officer of this command— and by
the God that made me I would sacrifice
a man— let any one dare attempt such a
course or to exclude me from the walls of this
Fort for doing my duty— ~~I am ready~~ I defy all
such threats &c —"

Sunday July 15. 1838

Maj M M Vinifredo arrives from the Choptank
 Country with the ~~second~~ woman and later prisoner
 to the "Hole in the Day" Chief of Sandy Lake —
 and she was forthwith restored to the arms of her husband
 and family — an interesting scene for a painting —

The S Boat Palmyra unexpectedly heard from below at Pine Bend - She arrived in the afternoon of this day - by which arrival - I learn through the Globe of the 12th of June of the Redemption of the Sixty Clippers & Winnings Treats - all being like a new day - countenances brightening with smiles of pleasure and real delight -

Monday 16th
 of paper written to his Excellency Governor Dodge
 proposing to pay the Chippewa Annuitants at the
 Falls of the River St. Croix. Stating reasons therefor -
 1. Convenience for concerned in the provision of the Treaty
 2. Great saving of transportation
 3. Easy to select a guard of 50 men to prevent once
 the Governor of the restoration of the Severe Prisoner
 a woman of the Wahpootan band to her family and
 Julian - Burpee one of the Chippewa Country by the
 Agent Mr. Vineyard on application of this Agency -
 in June last -
 Mr. Chas. Tab 2^d Chf of Lake Calhoun with 20 or 40
 of his people called at the Agency on business -
 Present several heads men of other Tribes -
 spoke for an hour nearly on the condition & prospects
 of his people - of the encroachments and acts of the
 Chippewa of late & of the loss of his relations in Can-
 Siquem of remaining at peace &c. &c. -
 finally closed with the Slavery condition of all the
 Muckawanton, & if the Agent could not
 give them provisions - they would be reduced to
 the necessity of killing their own cattle -
 I informed all present of the stipulations of their Treaty
 & that its provisions would soon be fulfilled -
 As to Provisions I have spent 4,000 rations all I have for
 any purpose - & if they were disposed to kill
 their cattle - it was their own business - I was
 sorry they were reduced to such a necessity -

~~Major Miles~~ Mr. Vincent sent a note to me
yesterday saying that "a personer wanted".
I have the severe cold ready to deliver here.
Chapman was sent here to deliver here.

St. Peters Agency Tuesday July 17th 1838 -

Defect - The mail carrier left this morning with the mail for Plains du Nord -

As you can have had no return mail for nearly a month. Consequently no news from Washington officials nor from any other Quarter - fortune in the mail. Heavy rain during the day, & evening -

Gardens destroyed by heavy rains -

The Indian of Lac qui parle with his recently returned wife take a prisoner with the Chippewas called and remained all night - ready for a start on tomorrow for their home -

Wednesday July 18th

The Prisoner & family at the Office - Present to her

3 1/2 pr. 3 Blankets	1.3 full Kettle
6 yds. Calico	3 Knives
1 pr. Scarlet cloth	2 paper Vermillion
15 lbs Tobacco	10" Leads

Spent 8 days ration of Pork & Bread to 6 persons - 48 -

and they left for Lac qui parle -

A letter to Mr. Brewster sent return to the Prisoner, and

the Map to the Sioux by the "Hole in the Day"

written fully for him to repeat to our people -

The "Good Roads" Fish Creek workmen - took it upon himself to say that the Agent had promised the Band in Penetons times a "Yoke of Cattle" - English variety - since a white Yoke which I once promised out to the Chief -

This I stated to his people was a mistake - there never was but two white yokes of Cattle at this Post - one belonging to Mr. Langhams, and

the other to the Public - I must have been misinterpreted - I could not give away other people's cattle -

It was then very insolent & since I have not done my duty in delivering the goods sent for the Indians & kept some back to suit my own purposes - with other impudent allusions -

My temper was high - but I replied calmly that he had stated a lie in presence of the heads of the band & some well known to the Army officers, and the disarming officer - who stood by & saw them given every article sent up under their Treaty

I remarked further that as he said I would be made ashamed of my conduct - He showed remembrance that at Washington this was attempted but then should fall on him and others - I always looked fearlessly in the faces of both the Red & the White man - neither of whom could make me feel ashamed of any thing I had done for 19 years past in this country -

" It was a pity he was not more respected by his own people I could tell him if I as his Agent was unpopular with one only of my people - that he as a Chief was unpopular with all of his - even the head men of his band were present - so he had better think feel & act upon himself before he wished to attach blame to his Agent - whether of his own or from the evil tongues of women & others among the half breeds & whites of his relations -

The Black Dog - Chief -

Spoke in censure of the remarks of the good Roads - saying my Father - I am sorry that all the old Chiefs are gone under ground but me - I stand now alone - Wabeshas - Peter Corbean - Penetons - Shacops & others among us & about are no more -

When our old Chiefs were alive we had but one word in all our Councils - then you had no trouble or complaints about nothing -

There are now many young men and some are apt to say too much I am not so - I stand and trouble you with, or about idle things - therefore I hope you will do for me & my people the best you can as to our grievances, and we shall be thankful -

I informed this Chief that as far as it was in my power his wishes would be met hereafter as in times past - I was accused of holding things back - how can I do this when I don't do but one small piece of silver even - Officers of the Army attend to this -

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Gov Notes of "hundred" given by Tah Cheuk was taken and
 Tah Cheuk for Tunkah - E. high nanah le-
 Wetsun by I Campbell & L Taliaferro
 Shalopee Chy & other than men of the Sixes Village ask
 to make a similar arrangement—

I advised them to wait for the Big Thunder -
when whatever was requisite to purchase - as his
Credit was good - would be given to release them -

Yours P Key sends \$25 dollars for two specimens of
Indian work - a Winter Cap, & Bag - for officers of
Indian Affairs at Washington City

Ingratitude - The people buy on the strength of seeing their Countrymen - but few Indians entertain a strong sense of gratitude for any length of time for favours of any kind - unless these favours are continued from day to day, & on an increased Scale -

Individual instances of Gratitude it is true may be found
, and have been known - but of rare occurrence
a partiality may exist in the breasts of a nation
towards an individual, who may have been
long with them in an official capacity - and
constantly dispensing benefits of some kind -
He may be esteemed & respected to an extent
benign to all parties - but Indians like

Dear Sir, I have faced every opposition, and calumny
no matter from what quarter. I have adhered
closely to the best interests of the Indians - and
kept the government as far as practicable
respectable in their estimation.

Big Thunder of the 9. miles Village and a visit to the Agency this day - with all his principal men.

Officers and Citizens including late arrivals of foreigners
from Red River are locating on the Sioux
purchase East of the Mississippi —

I have been 19 years Agent for Indian Affairs at this Post and as yet I have not struck a Stake or marked an inch of ground on the late purchase.

It was my intention to take up a small tract at the mouth of the St. Croix - & went upon it for this purpose - but while absent on duty with my Delegation at Washington - The Officers of the 5th Regt Stationed at Fort Snelling laid their hands upon it - also the Falls of St. Anthony West. by Citizens & foreigners. - So old Residents have been thus defeated in a place - after passing the prime of their lives in the Mexican Country -

Sunday July 23^d 1838-

The weather very cool indeed for the season. fires would not be unpleasant this morning - Antoine Papien lost again his last cow by the Indians one that had been given him by I Roysen for the use of his family -

The Law is advised to prompt punishments for such acts of trespass by Indians - & it is hoped to find out the actual transgressor - even when the evidence is simply circumstantial - we hope of whipping would be permitted - probably chastise the wrong individuals -

That there ought to be some more effective means of preventing such acts - admits of no doubt - but I do not feel myself authorized under my oath of office - either to accept or to prescribe the remedy -

The mail arrives this evening - but brings all our papers and but few letters - no direct official news from Washington as to the affairs of this country - Our thin letter of acknowledgment from the Dept of Indian Affairs -

Two letters from Mrs. Taliaferro now in Bedford Pa

Monday 24th

Keiyah 2^d Chief, & his people - Mahpau Kotas from the Head waters of Cauman River arrived on a visit to the Agency -

A number of the Head men of the several Nations - Hanta Village, at the Agency also this day - expecting & enquiring the news -

Marcus Weichstark & Keyan Chiefs of Lake Calhoun Buy \$60 - worth of provisions of Doct Wright

An arrow found sticking in a horse belonging to one of the Red River people - supposed to have been aimed by one or two Boys from Lake Calhoun bands of Sioux -

Those who loose cattle & horses on or near what is called the U.S. Reserve - and who in fact have no rights of occupation of Reserves as for Summary proceedings in such cases - whether Culpable or Not - Many urge the Agent to harsh measures

and gladly would he adopt any proper course to preserve the property of Citizens and others near Fort Snelling - but the Law is his guide, and should be the guide of all - yet it would seem that many persons including those who loose their property - are trying to get pay for property lost and to resort also to unprecedented acts of violence in addition - this course for revenge on the part of half breeds and white men - may be traced to the fact of the difficulty of want of proof as to the Indian or Indians in many & almost all cases who commit these acts of depredations -

The Agent is bound by his oath to go on to discharge his duties according to law - He reports regularly all acts of violence of every description to the Officer commanding and to the Dept of Indian Affairs for the information of the Office of Indian Affairs at Washington - and stands ready to execute any instructions which may be ordered to be carried into effect - relating to such depredations or acts of hostility -

Tuesday 24th

I visited, & inspected the Treaty Ship near this Agency - & found Orders on various points connected with the duties of the Smiths -

I found a Horn shot, & dead near "Cold Water" & in the Settlement there - I got the Arrow - which had been shot into his bowels by some unknown Indian - Called to Council at 2 O'Clock P.M.

I found present.

- 1 Chief Wah Ken Tunkah - 9 mile Village
- 2 do Hock Mucko - Lake Calhoun -
- 3 do Mahzah both Tak. 3 mile Village
- 4 War do Wapora we Choshuk me - 7 mile Village
- 5 Chief - Marsperahmanah - 20 mile Village
- 6 War do Amogenuah - 20 mile do -

The Chiefs said - we came to know when in your opinion our Amenity may be expected to arrive - also to say - we are not suspicious about the acts of some few trifling persons among us who are killing the cattle & hogs of others as well as our own - we are of opinion it cannot be but a few who do these things & most of them do not belong to our bands but are from a distance we call in - for what can be done to stop

our young men from continuing these things—
my friends—

I sent for you & you have anticipated
what in part I was about to say to you— The depredations
on the property of the Indians must be stopped by some means
or neither them nor you will be able to keep property or
be long on friendly terms— I now tell you that if you
want to stop these idle fellows from doing wanton mischief
send them out & bring them to me— do so soon & all will be made

Items of goods purchased

Corn of Brig F Baker one Bag	\$6.
one Barrel of Pork	25-
3 Barrels of Bean Stamps & Sigs	30
former day of S. J.	61
	40
	\$101-

Wednesday July 25 1838

Nothing of importance transpired during this day—

I hear from others that a portion of the Senate
Fealty relating to the gifts to S. J. Campbell a half
Bridegroom have been rejected by the Senate—

The Hon Lucius Lyon of the U. S. Senate in a letter of the
11th of June (the evening on which the treaty had
been upon the Senate) writes to H. H. Libby of
this Post. As an & copy— all the facts of this case
on what grounds the Senate refused to ratify
the just indemnity given by the Indians to W. G.
may be best known to the letter writer—

I never could exult in the misfortunes of any one— much
less in the case before me— a man who has for
near 18 years devoted his whole energies to the
good of the Service— & become poor— as poor
as Lazarus with 10 in family— in sustaining the
credit of the government in the extermination of the
Indians— should be thus cut off from that which
could not either enrich the Indians or the government
but leaves him poor indeed— The Senate over
looked in other treaties some real frauds, and
disregarded an honest man of an honest and
grateful gratitude from his own nation—

The Brethren about this Post have exulted at this proof
of injustice— While the Senate never comes or would
have sanctioned— had they been better informed— probably
knows what the policy influenced of certain persons in
the Army & Co is to bring this government to— things daily
occur sufficiently disgusting to induce all honest men
to leave the public service—

Thursday July 26

I visited the Lion's Mission at Lake Stuart this
day— a part of my business was to see a
Cabin finished for a widowed family of Sioux
Indians on the site of the Mission—

Serge Corbunter said he would fit a new legend for
two soldiers to one and assist the armed men
at the Mission— I left for the Mission 7th
miles from Fort Snelling— but the weather
not come— we did as well as we could without
them— I attended the Mission School— and

heard the scholars recite their various lessons
under their preceptor Miss Cordelia Eggleston

Returning to my house— I found an order at the
Residence of Mr B. F. Baker— put up by the
Adj. Gen. S. C. Phail— Promulgated by
Maj. J. Plympton Commanding Fort Snelling

Forbidding all persons in or out of the public service
from erecting any building on the reservation
within the line drawn last winter— & to avoid
cutting wood forming enclosures &c &c &c

It would seem that the fact of my going out to the
Lake for the purpose of the Mission must
have prevented the order in question—

I went out in discharge of a very plain duty & one that
had before been attended to in other cases of a
similar nature for the benefit of the Indians &
for no benefit, or advantage of my own— The
Order ought to have been issued last year
& before the Military Officers— & Citizens & foreigners
had violated the law for their own accom-
modation on a part of the Reservation public
Lands East of the Mississippi—

Friday July 27th 1838

Heavy & dense black clouds from west it was
attended with rain—
In conversing with some sensible heads men of the Sioux
of the contiguous villages. it is reported of the Great Head
"I am for a change. I wish for Col Stambaugh as my agent
our present Father must leave our country &c &c —"
It would seem that evinced the Treaty of Washington this man
has been as he then was urged to ask for Mr Stambaugh
to return back to this Agency (under the pretence that I was
not to see the Delegation further back than St Louis)
This Indian a recently installed Chief of a small
village 7 miles from Fort Snelling (late Penetions—
has within the month (instigated by a hidden set of
Foreign Knaves & a very few half breeds) been extremely
insulting in his remarks to the Agent - in presence
of many of the other heads men - who are
much mortified, and disjunct at his course
of conduct —

I only remark that as he was the only man in the whole country who had been educated to act & speak as he had done - I would only say - he had stated several falsehoods which all present knew to be such - That I would not for the present notice his conduct - Knowing some things as well as I did - If he had many a man to deal with - He would have had his head broken long since -

It is also reported that this Clerk the Great Road
and the "Whistling Wind" & Eugene Wascals
have signed a paper purporting to assign
over all their money when received by their
Bands to Mr H. H. Sibley Agt of the Am & Cb
at this Post for disbursement.

It is supposed to get other Bands to follow this
unhappy examples for their purpose -
Now to get rid of me at this Post - seems now the
Main Object of Tom. Dick & Harry - so that
those who may come after me can the more
easily be lulled or threatened into silence
and acquiesced in the diabolical plans
on foot to cheat & destroy the Indians
& a certain unprotected class of half Breeds
as well as to impose on ignorance - to get a little of
Franculent Credit accounts allowed -

Saturday July 28 1838

Heavy rain last night and this morning
weather not settled at 12 M. —

Wah Kueon Fookah 3 B. 3 flour & Stam & S. \$40.
Mauzah hok Tak 1. Pith 2. flour - 54-

Capt St Pierre of the Dragons arrived this day from
Fort Leavenworth - with 50 or 60 men - Brought
Weapons 3 - etc

Capt Campbell of the 5th Regt. - & Mr. Williams
Lieut. Eustace - Lieut. Fitzgibbon - Lt. McRae

Capt Boones Expedition was 45 days, on the route. On a
Survey of a Route from the Potomac to Stems at
Fort Mifflin.

Sunday 29th

Transfer all of Saturday's Journal to this day & date - The Provisions purchased by the Indians & the Arrival of Capt Boone with his exploring party occurred unexpectedly this day -
It is reported that (2) men were found shot East of the River Mississippi - Quinn says one of them belonged to some of the Red River Emigrants. -
The Big Thunder got 3 people - 40. RR 20. & 54. P. & F.

Monday 30.th

Capt Boones of the 1st Dragoons with his officer and men
are now in Camp at the Little Falls - for few days.
When the expedition will return to Fort Leavenworth
marking and describing the route for a Military
Road from this Post to the Missouri -

The Commissioners are - Capt Boone & Canfield, and
 Jas Tilghman - It is thought a road may
 be made for \$12,000 - so as to answer all
 military purposes -

Military purposes.
 \$300. worth of Provisions purchased of H. H. Peleley by 5 Indians
 Tee chaa weh kee ah. Mahya Tunkah. Toh Kakh hee.
 Toh chumpu weh Kendaheer. d. Kom-tua Kakh Sappah.

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Tuesday July 31. 1838.

Report officially the condition of this Agency to the
Officer Commanding. Maj. Plympton—

Report also to Gov. Douglas Supr of Indian Affairs
The condition of this Agency for & during the
month past—also the arrival of Capt Boone
with a Coy of Dragoons from Fort Leavenworth
on the Missouri. The Capt & also Capt Canfield
& Mr. Stebbins Commissions for marking
the Military Road between Fort Leavenworth
Fort Snelling on the St. Peter & Miss.
Give information also of the successful movement
in the Sioux Country of Ch. Keeler and
his party. Majrs. Fremont—Flanders, and
Geyer. The Botany—Geologist &c &c—

Wednesday August 1st 1838.

A private letter to the Commr. of Indian Affairs
embracing various matters & things, too lengthy
for our official letter—
Capt Hitchcock Pres? will dis. Appt as follows
an official note to him relation to the Treaty
of Washington of Sept 1837. The views and
expectations of the Indians under it—also
their present feelings and conditions fully
explained and developed—
Dine at the Comdr's office this day in Coy with the Officers
of the Dragoons—

Thursday 2^d Aug^y—

Narianpaa, & his people arrived, & report their visit
to the Falls of the St. Louis. He met a letter man
he says with whiskey to the Chin. who said to
him & his people. That their Agent—was good for
nothing & a fool, &c— They felt much vexed
& excited at such presumptions, & made up
their minds to report it

I remarked to my people that it was best never to
listen to such idle dogs. it was not of purpose
to do so on my part. & they might hit all such
blockheads pop unmolested

Visited the Treaty Shop, & gave all necessary orders

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Narianpaa, & party \$100 for Pork & flour of S. J. Fort
—Lame Calhoun Sioux \$66— & served—

"Hole in the Day" Obeguttie. the white fisher" Chippewas
& two Ottawa & one woman arrived from Swan Lake
the first named Chief is the man who was at the head
of the party of his people who killed 13 of the Sioux
qui passed Sioux on the 12th of April. I regret
their arrival at this particular crisis in the feelings
of the Sioux—as difficultly is certainly to be apprehen-
ed—as the Sioux have sworn vengeance if under the
wolves or jaws of the Fox—I sent word to the Chippewas
I thought nearly sure we to venture down the River
if they did, the Sioux would attack them, and
thus war was I would not be responsible—

Friday 3^d Aug^y—

I visited Lake Huron with some men to put
up a house for an Indian family—and spent
the day at work at the Mission—
Every body 7 or 8 miles off from home I met Mr.
Samuel Parker who. Stated that a number of around
Sioux from Swan Lake had gone to Mr. Bakers
Trading Post near the Fort & intended to kill the
Chippewas recently arrived—I feared this—and
put it in my carriage as fast as possible, and
reached Mr. Bakers post as the first gun fired
& the 4 or 5 all that transpired as I sat from my
seat—when I found our Ottawa—Kallaw and one
Wendawap—One Sioux John Baker's son—was shot by
Obeguttie of Swan Lake—while in the act of striking the body, or
loosing the scalp of his victim—The Sioux is expected to die
of his wounds—The Chippewas were removed to the Fort
a mile off. The survivors & the dead—

I sent our Sioux to the peace House as a
hostage this evening at 9 o'clock P.M.—On tomorrow we
shall see further into this business—

Saturday 4th—

I called on the Army Officer, and consulted
under all the various aspects of the unfortunate
affair of last evening what we should do in
relation to the Sioux—we determined to send

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for the heads of Villages - & demand of them
the perpetrators of the deed - & confine the offenders
where further orders -

I returned to the Agency. & found that the Indians
from the village mostly concerned. were coming
in without being sent for - as also the principal
men from other villages. —

I sent a message to the County Officer by Mr. Hutton
saying - "we were ready for him" — and
desires his presence and council —

Chiefs & Head men present -

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| 1. Manefewechastah | Chiefs Lake Calhoun
the village concerned |
| 2. ... Hoc moc Ho- | |
| 3. ... Keyah | |

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| 1. Tah chum wash too | Penitents 7 miles village |
| 2. Eulugh Nariak | |
| 3. Midge, ... | |

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| 1. Mah Zah kosh tah | 4 mile village - |
| 2. Chaps Kosh tah | |
| 25 - & others | |

The Agent. My friends

We have determined to send for you - but we
are pleased to see you come from one without a
message -

I expect you to do whatever our young Brother
the County Officer. may desire -

I ask for you not so much on account of the attack
on the Sioux - as for the insult offer the flag of their
Great Father - flying over this land. —

May Plympton County said -

I am pleased my friends that you are now in
your Father's home without being sent for.

I wish many old & families friends - each of you bears
the same wear & sorrow & grief like my own.

I wish to know if you after so many years of
peace - wish to break with us - if so I desire to know
it. It is my trade to fight - & our soldiers are ready
I repeat that if you are disposed to have differ-
ently with us say, or by delivering up their weapons
have done mischief there as that you desire
peace - with the other Nations living on the subject.

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I hold a check upon my soldiers in the Fort &
I expect you the chiefs to hold your own people
in check & punish them as I do my soldiers when
they behave amiss. —

Your Father here the Agent has done all he
could to sustain you when in want - and may
have gone further in his desire to befriend you
than your great Father may possibly —

The Good Roads

My Brother the words which you used to say I did
not hear from our great Father -
This I did not hear - but I do not feel this
day disposed to word the friendship of the whites -
I am young, & but follow the first steps of my
old chiefs. I wish to keep their lands clear
- some years ago about they happened and I
hoped it would not again take place. but I am
mortified that it is so.

I came yesterday but you & my Father were
absent. I wished to say that the Chief here had
better be in the Fort - the feelings of our people
against the man "Hole in the Day" induced me
to wish to see you -

I did not expect to come here to day on such
business. I was looking down the river for our
goods & a great Chief with them - that I then
wished to speak to him & to you.

My friends we wish peace, and we must
try, & assist each other - and what else do we
be known abroad - I pass over our word (war)
which you have used in your remarks to us -

The Mayor experienced

He was not for war - but they had evidenced
some disposition to be unfriendly & it was for this
his remarks were intended -

The Mayor further explained that if they would
see the Chief here a Chief & settle the matter by presents
or other wise - he only would have the fault when

Rocko Mo Ro said.

My Father & friend. I hear you & my people at
your words - what has been done by a few
foolish men was not done by our Councils
Near 20 years we are at peace & wish to

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Keep it & our lands clear - I wish to be a
civilized man - I wear a hat - I did not yet
go on to Washington to listen to councils and then
return, and throw them away -

You have made a demand - the people belong
to the Lake Pepin Village - it may create difficulty
but you have demanded them -

I am sorry that the hole in the day came down
here so soon after the murder of 13 of our
people - I felt mortified, and vexed that he
Shonkwah had come here -

Mah-gah-bah-ta

I have been listening to all that you said
and we hear - Any thing said as to war. My
conduct is well known - I am for peace - When
I heard of the conduct of a few bad men - I
felt mortified -

When I was on the route to see our peace
father I saw many chiefs - I saw a war chief
who gave me a war club - he told me not to
use it against women, & children - no against
any white man but against my enemies who attacked
of the hole in the day - he said -

He has no more learned than a dog to do as he
has done, and then come down here - he murdered
our people in cold blood - their relations were
here & now today my uncle was killed at Lake
Pepin - It hurts our feelings all these things

of our people is killed & our wounded, and
you still make a demand for the others - I suppose
I must comply with your request - but what is to
be done with the hole in the day for his acts -

- Skush-kah-nah -

I spoke to you in this house this spring about
my relations - you gave me an answer - I am about
to repeat what was said -

Some years since one of my nephews was there
with 3 others for killing the Chippewas - I thought
he was guilty - & I said nothing - I yesterday saw
the man who butchered my nephews & nieces
& my heart was strong - & as I could not work
with upon him if I had been foolish I might

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have done wrong - I went off - we have lost many
of our relations - You now ask us for two others - Can
you pass over this matter as some of our people fell
in their attack on the Chippewas -

The grand old man

I am rather an older man than any present -
When I address chiefs I like to speak my mind openly
& boldly keeping nothing back -

Many of them men went to Washington they heard
councils - I am for peace - You ask if we are for war
or peace - what our people have said you see they are
for peace -

What you have asked the head men will speak
to them, and answer you - whether they will accept or
not -

May P.

It is unnecessary to talk murder - I have demanded
the account and they must be brought -

The Agent said

Mr Campbell. "Tell the the Chiefs & head men of Lakes
Calhoun to form a party & go off to find Lake
& bring in the offenders forthwith and deliver them
to me to be turned over to the Court Officer -

This being interpreted

The reply was - "They would" - The Council here broke
up & in 30 minutes the party started and
at 1/2 past 5 P.M. returned to the Agency
with 300 Hacks - two sons

After the usual customs of various speeches from
the Chiefs, & head men - passing through
the ceremony of presentation - (which by the
way is usual - the mother surrendering her sons to
the Agent) the mother asking for money for their
clothes and food & hiring the interpreter of
the Agent - that the night not be left poor -

by the loss of her remaining sons - of 7. Three
only were left & from one who was shot must die - &
if then two now put in my hands were shot - Her all
three gone - "Can any one imagine my situation -

I called on the head men to follow me to the Fort
I then started with the Prisoners (drying them
and a long) & delivered them at the feet of the
Fort to Maj. Plympton - Command - when they
were received & conducted in to the prison house -

Indian Agency Notes Sunday Aug 5th 1838

It seems after all our ceremonies of yesterday - some
idle fellows attempted to raise the body of the
murdered Chippewa - whose bones for safety been
buried in the Public game yards - of the Post - --
we met the Indians in council

we demanded the persons who visited the ground
yesterday night - after stating that the Chaps
must punish them if unable - to give them up
to the Comdg Officer -

It is said the Indians of the "Good Roads" village have
Whiskey. I have sent to ascertain the fact of the cord
The mail arrived this evening -

Monday 6th -

I gave Thakopee Chief a Blanket to cover his body -

He spoke to me, & life for his village -

I learn that the Indians have been exasperated from time
to time - by the following taunts from various ~~canoe~~
idle Canadians & half breeds - "You are dogs - You are
cowards - The Chippewas are better & braver men -
You dare not attack them - See they come on your
knees and you dare not touch them - from these
idle & malicious remarks - they collected the present hostility
& feelings of the Indians -

They say "we are not men we are dogs, and we are treated
as such. therefore we can not do what we do - let us
die - we can not live -" I will kill a white man at
once - & then fight it out and die like a brave man - &c

All this ill blood seems to have been brought about by half
breeds on both sides & by Canadians intermarried with
Sione & Chippewa women at this Post - These men
hear. Respectable Officers & Citizens of this Post in frequent
assumptions on the idle subject of Cowardice & Bravery
of the respective tribes - and they must needs add
consequences to their remarks, & repeat them to the
poor ignorant Indians who are incapable of proper
reasoning on the import or bearing of such idle
gossip as well as its subjects - therefore the cause
of the late difficulty. The encounter between
the Sione & Chippewas -

I sent a special message to the young men of Lake Calhoun
on the subject above noted by Roemocko Chief -
Maj Plympton. Comdg. sent the Chippewas off at 10 o'clock this
evening across the River at the Ford - They
know the Country well & can prompt them

Our half breed (wounded) remains in Hospital - until he
recovers of his wound in the knee -

Roemocko. gave his axe & Bile to S. J. Sibley for \$400.
for provisions for his people -

I have come to the determination to start off with the
Half Breed connections - both Sione & Chippewas
of a certain description - from the U.S. Reservation
near this Agency & Fort. It seemed by the
Comdg Officer - It is the only means of preserving
peace and tranquility - for they will talk -

Tuesday 7th August -

Wah Skoota, & Mahepsah Mahgah - chiefs of "Red wing"
Lake Pepin Village of Sione arrive -

Various Heads men & a number of other Sione collecting this
morning at the Agency -

At 1/2 past 11. O'clk. A.M. they called & asked for the Comdg Officer

Mahepsah Mahgah spoke

and said - I shake hands with you - They are not
clean from a recent event near me - I arrived late
last night - too late to see you there. I called to day -
we came up to see you relative to some of my
people who you have in confinement in the Fort -
They are a part of my body and if you are willing
you may tie me & place me along side of them

My 7. I would to let you know that our people have
done wrong. They did not know the consequences of
their act - They are young & foolish - we also are
old, & considerate men know better we should
not have done so. our Father here has done more
for us. his Councils were repeated at Washington
& I hope you will not keep my friends confined
until you Chaps come up I should be sorry to
have them see their foolish young men -

I hope you will take pity upon me & release
the Sun goes down let me have my friends
be released if we are painted black to day
we are friends. you may have more than
we were attacked & a man of Sione killed of our
village - we could not stand this - & we pursued
and killed a few of them - for this reason
we are painted black -

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The Comdg Officer stated in reply that he was as
it was well known friendly to all Nations and as have on
many occasions visited his friends by Substantially this
was also well known to his old friends -

Your paper have after all my kindness - gone on to kill
our Culture - Honor & hope to a loved among - also in
allow my men by Cocking their guns & firing arrows
at them - by pulling down my fences & ponds - and
lastly committing Murder on this Sacred ground
by killing the Chiefs under the form of the Fort -

The insult to the Flag of your Great Father must be
be punished - If you can to my satisfaction punish
your paper I will release them - but they must be
punished or we can have no security in future -

Wednesday 8th of August 1838

Sir -

Spring House Peters Aug 8.

It is the wish of myself and the Comdg
Officer that you would attend at this office - on the
meeting of the Indians at 10 o'clock - as there is a report
in circulation touching Councils said to have been
given the Indians bearing on their recent attack
upon the Chippewas at this Post -

Wm. William Dickson?
Near Peters - 3

Very respectfully
yours
C. B. Dickson
Indian Agent

Some of the Chippewas stating the improper influence on
the minds of their people which produced the unfortunate
note differently between the Sioux & Chippewas in the West -
I wrote the foregoing note to Mr. Dickson - & it may be
if he is to be heard - others may be brought in -
The Council to be held this day will develop all

I received a note to day from the Comdg Officer
which gave me some variations - as it referred to the Council
of Council given the Sioux - with reference to the Chippewas
this note worthy of notice - I replied officially - since
when I am informed that there was some misconception
as to the exact words of Mr. Brown - Don Wagner who
gave the information to Maj. Plympton - I will not
be made to do & say things - which I never thought of -

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and which the whole Country for 18 years knew to be
wholly false & with a shadow of foundation in truth -
I feel myself too strongly fortified under a con-
scientious reluctance of action & purpose - to listen to or be
affected by the idle fab of a tale of ignorance & asco-

The Council opened at 2 O'Clock P.M.

All the head men present - I informed the Council
that the Comdg Officer present was ready to hear
what decision the Chiefs had come to on the proposi-
tion of yesterday (to punish the guilty persons now in
confinement for smutting our flag & killing a
Chippewa on the 3rd inst) -

Manegash Mahga spoke & said he hoped the
Chief of the Solution would have charity
on them & the young men in the future
know consequences for their bad conduct -
They were foolish young men & knew not the
consequences of such an act - His people
even friendly have always been so - and
wished to remain forever - & hoped
his friend would turn out his people and
let him see them once more safe in his
presence and he would be glad to see

The Comdg Officer said -
I calculate to know what decision the
Chiefs had come to on my proposition
of yesterday - there is no use for long
speeches - come at once to the point and
say - will you punish them now if
I bring them out of the Fort to this
Agency - I want a sharp forward
answer -

Big Thunder Chief - rose & made a few
remarks - expressing friendly feelings
and sentiments

Wah-cotta - also of Lake Pepin - said -

I have listened attentively to all that
has been said - I am of opinion that you
are right and that some punishment
is proper for the young foolish men who
have behaved thus - and I am all this
time with you - I am well known to my
Agent - He knows my conduct - I have said

The Corn Roads.

My friend. You say if you had sent out 200 of your troops when this thing took place they might have done us great damage - What do you suppose that we should have been about at that time? -

May P. said - Stop Stop. Tell the poor Road. I am not boasting nor have I boasted - therefore I shall not hear him do so -

I have said that I forbore to order out the Command at the Act of his people justified if - least innocent people might have suffered -

All the Chiefs & head men responded warmly to this sentiment - and felt much ashamed of the uncalculated insinuation of the "poor Road" -

The Maj. spoke Macspuch Mahzab Chief

of Lake Pepin if he thought he was strong enough to punish his people & if he would do so - he wished for a categorical reply -

Ans. I am - & if you will bring them out I will carry you views into effect fully & satisfy you I can do as I say -

The Officer of the Day. Said while heard them left for the fort & in a short time returned with the Prisoners -

The Chief said - we wish not to displace the House of my Father - let them be taken out side the lot - This being done - He called his principal Soldiers - who went to work to displace the Prisoners - looming Command saying

1. Cut up in small pieces their Blankets
2. their Leggings - & then as the British Cloth
3. Hair Cut which is next to whipping
4. Chastised with sticks - with long sticks -

I never saw the Ceremony before - in fact it was new & novel & interesting (falsely so) to all present

This unfortunate affair was thus amicably settled The Indians - relations & all satisfied it was no worse - and soon all dispersed, and all was again tranquil -

One Chippewa - Kelua & One Sioux Kelua - even.

Mr. Dickson who had been long for appearance - but strong funds among the Sioux prevented exposure of really any fault would have been attracted which would doubtless - of bad influence no one doubt -

Thursday Aug 9th 1838.

Nothing of importance transpired during this day -

The Lake Pepin Chiefs left for their homes with their Prisons and young men

A detailed account of the recent attack of the Sioux on the Chippewas & the course thereof - with all proceedings in the case will be embraced & submitted to the consideration of the people by the first opportunity - and as some individuals of this Port may through the public prints make a long story of a short one - I will send a paragraph for insertion in one of the Florida papers -

Papers authentic for Indian accounts with Indian tales for depreciations - by Benj F. Baker - liberal just & fair acts shown & by him

Friday 10th

Secured for our press printed to Benj F. Baker to travel with the Indians of the Upper Madawakenton River at Entry & Plover -

The Rev. Mr. Benson of the Methodist Mission located at "Little Crow" School called on business, relative to his mission and the difficulties experienced from the Indians there recently - at the time of & since the affair of taking hostages from the Sioux for feeding on the Chippewas -

I remarked to him as this matter had been adjusted he & his people might not easy in their words now be no danger to be apprehended

Schools for Indian children - he said the Chief remarked that the Agents had said nothing to him on the subject of sending the children to - The fact is the Chief post-poned sending to the schools until he had secured his annuity - then he would consider of it - This decision Mr B. had in command - I had nothing to do with

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The Indians of Little Crow Village have been very
rest at the time of our difficulty here in the 3rd
5 & 6 - which caused some of the young men to
act impulsively to the injured family -

Saturday August 11th 1838 -

I am requested to meet at the House of Mr B &
Baker. Certain Citizens on business - relating to the
recent difficulties here between the Sioux & Chippewas
Delegate to Congress (Having been myself nominated
for this office - but shall decline the honor) and
other matters on Indian depredations &c &c &c -

I visited, and inspected the Treaty Shop and of work for the
week past. tools, furniture, fixtures &c &c.
Conversation this evening with the Comdy officer on the report
of the Rev. Brewster of Little Crow Village Mission -
He spoke of the propriety of withholding one half of the Indian
Washington Service Annuity till this years payment.
I replied that if it were the 1st June the proposition might be
entertained - but as it comes he fall before they
could be paid - The 7 Bands women require the whole
of the \$10,000 to be furnished in goods to supply
their wants through the winter
I further stated - as matters stand with the Indians there
is no probability of hostile action - The winter
is fast approaching - & before their Treaty Sepu-
lations can be fully carried into effect the
Cold Season will have commenced -
It would have worst possible effect to stop or even
to delay our Comports with them - any action
of the kind would make fairly the assertions
of some of their traders & other evil persons to
the Indians - that they would see that they would
yet be cheated &c &c by the Government -
I entertain no fears of a war - The Indians are not
disposed for such a position & have every reason
to desire peace & friendship with the United States.
The withdrawal of the trade - withholding their Annuities
The Chippewas on one side - The Sioux & Foxes on the
other - & the whites in the center - all concur to
convinced them as well as us of the utter fallacy of a
war with the lower Sioux -

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St. Peters Aug Sunday Aug 12th 1838.

Nothing of importance transpired during this day - but
few Indians seen -
Some young men proposed as was reported with a Chippewas
Scalp to Lake Calhoun (taken at Lake Pepin) for the
purpose of a Scalp Dance - according to their custom -
Chippewas from the Sioux seen near Little Crow Village - found none
Monday 13th

Accts of Citizens for depredations examined &c &c
Joseph Dejeu swears to his -
William Dickson leaves for the Missouri - on the Vermilion
River where his family are located
Conversations a long one with Makzaks his wife & his old
Father. Wah ma du Funkah - The old man
called over at my room for me at 8 o'clock P.M.
His son sent him as it had been supposed he was unfriendly
to me - He explained & apologized for any bad conduct
it was supposed he had taken - Declared his personal
attachment & that I might rely on his sincerity in
all time to come -
The "Good Road" He said spoke the words of it dis-
posed people - they were not his own - He often heard
the traders & others talking - & when he rose to speak
he let fall the first thing which entered his head
which was often wrong than right -
It is reported that H. L. Dousman drew up a paper &
(H. L. D.) had it signed last winter by the four Bands &
Chippewas & others wishing the Treaty renewed
& to have their Affairs removed and another
one sent in my place - sent to the War Dept.

Tuesday 14th 1838.

Our Mail left this day for St. Louis & St. Charles -
Official report to Gov. Dodge - on the recent attack
of the Sioux on the Chippewas -
Letter to the Hon John Taliaferro & my wife at Bedford Pa
also a note to the Editors Corn Bulletin & Locomotive -
E & J. Walch relative to money received for & selling
of St. Plumbago - & of funds due his firm -
Two young men of Lake Pepin call to say (we are going
home. has our Father any message to send our camp? -
I sent a note to Mr Denton the Missionary -
Several other Indians at the Agency this morning
The Chippewas seen at the "Grande Prairie" on Sunday even

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a war party of some 10, or 15. & even near killing one of the
men from the Village - in sight - & 9 miles below this Post
The Indians of Lake Calhoun - having killed 4 heads of cattle
for the mission large & small - I have turned over for the
present - The Young York Exchange for with Maj Plympton to
Rev. J. D. Stevens - to break, and use in place of his release.

an order from the Mile party to deliver them -
Colonel Croghan's M^{rs} Gen^l of the Army reached
this Post at 9.00 P.M. on a tour of inspection of
the frontier Posts. this among others -
The Mr. Denton - missionary from Lake Pepin came up
by canoe with the Col from that place -

Wednesday 15th Aug 1838
(Weather Cloudy & cool for time of season)

It is reported that the Cherokees of the South are sending
Wampum - this all the disaffected tribes. One object
is to have a general meeting & council at their Council
House west - what subjects are to be discussed is not
known - a Shawano Chief had arrived at Fort
Leavenworth on the Missouri - with two Wampum
and message (he said the meeting of the tribes by
delegates in council was requested - but he was
not assured of the general object - to confer -

The Army Bill has passed - and a small increase of one Regt
of Infantry added - with an increase of the Rank & file
of the other Regiments generally - except Dragoons
& Engineers -

My Service of 26 years in the North, & 19 years of this period
at this Station - I earnestly besought the Dept
to bestow upon me one of two Staff appointments
open to application - that of Pay Master, or Commissary
agent - not only the reward for long & faithful
Service in the North - but on the score also of
exception ill health contracted in high latitudes
a change to the South being indispensable -

The appointments it appears have been made and I have
passed unnoticed - I must now miserably
(the without a cent ahead) resign this Agency &

Nebucadnazzar like return to, and gain upon the
Grasp - of the borrow hills by Pennsylvanian
Shale I am in my weak condition be compelled to curse
my liberal hands to the poor, & the orphan & the
the destitute Red man - may God forbid -
such a sentiment to arise from any
cause whatever. -

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U.S. Indian Agency Platts 16th August 1838 -

Wahkoota - Chief - of Lake Pepin Band of Sioux called at
the Agency, and consulted on the arrangements of the
Lower or "Wabishas" bands with his - for purposes of agricul-
ture - instruction - mutual convenience &c &c.
Shop under Treaty of Sept 29th 1837. decision on its location
soon by consultation of the two Bands -

Major Denton, & Govins then furnished & memorials to create their
labors for the benefit of both - under Treaty stipulations -

Colonel Croghan left on his further tour of inspection this
evening - Mr Denton & the Chief went with him as far
as Lake Pepin in his Boat -

Letter official to Joseph R. later App. Gen. Fur Co. informing
him of the instructions of the Suprs for goods relating
to debts due from these Sioux to traders & the amount to be
accepted to ensure a portion of the \$90,000. set apart
for the payment of their just debts -

May P. Boyd. Put off at Platts den. Claim for O. Crater & letter
to him - apprising Genl Stuart that there was a further
Belmont left in the public store which he sold to
(Belmont) O. Crater for \$35. The same awarded him or his Agents
Order for its delivery -

From the name of S. H. Kennedy on the Belmont & other circumstances
it is no doubt a public Belmont - once used at the Agency
Shop at Platts den. Claim - & sold as private property -

Scaling the Cannons this day brought many Indians out -
Some came 20 miles on the S. Peter -

Mr. Livingston, & Mr. Steele & others in a Boats came around
from the Falls of St. Louis to this Post -

Friday 17th August -

Mr J. B. Faribault completed as far as practicable the
list of half, & 3/4 blood Sioux of the Medawabaw
Band - at my request & handed it in this day.
Amount as far as he knows 143 - souls -
who claim a portion of the \$100,000. above them
under the Treaty of Washington of Sept 29th 1837 -

"Big Thunder" Chief of Little Sioux Village called & had a talk
on the subject of Chippewas lurking near his Village
of Lake, and what their views could be as to
them - now twice of late these people have shown a
disposition to kill some of his people only 9 miles
from the Post & 1/2 a day from his Village -

It is understood that all the Chiefs & head men - particularly

All those who signed the Treaty of Washington as for as
practicable - on Tuesday or Wednesday next - To enter into
some resolutions - as to the Half & Dr. Blood Claimants -
The payment of debts - & finally as to their own immediate
Treaty stipulations -

I was so satisfied this day by several chiefs
and requesters to be present & prepared for their reception -
Moses Jacob Masah - spoke to day & said - I have a few words to
say to you my Father -

"It has been spoken that our Traders are
to get \$100,000 which we set apart for our debts last year
at Washington - our ears were to listen about this by some
who went with us - that neither you nor we could do all
that our proper expectations of us -

= We failed to do you justice for our - but it is not too
late - we not only owe you a debt of gratitude for your
good care of our nation - but for many benefits by money
paid for our wants when our Great Father had nothing to
give his children - You used your own money I know
well for our - for I have seen & felt your bounty -

= Now as our just debts are to be paid - we know of none
more entitled to payment than your - two thousand
women are living you - let make out your paper, and
for our I say - you shall be paid -

I have thanked the Chief for his good intentions - when
several heads were present - said - "It is just it is right -
and you must not hold back what you ought to do -

A Bork Canoe with several citizens left for
St Louis - Mr Steele - Livingston & Co - they returned
soon again to their location at the Falls of St Louis -

Mr Seymour of the Peacemaker Mission
arrived from his Post on Snake River -

The Chippewas have killed nearly all
the cattle at his Station of late -

The great delay in the Ratification of the Sioux
Treaty & other treaties by the Senate has

been productive of much excitement with the
tribes - They have been extremely restless, and
wavering in their sentiments & deportment -

The Chief from the Sioux on the 8th inst has put
a stop to cattle killing & other warlike
acts of folly, and imprudence -

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St Peter Agency Saturday 18th August 1838 -

The mail arrived unexpectedly from Lake Plover by
the regular carrier -

= 3 official letters from Gov George Supt of Indian Affairs
for Wisconsin -

3 letters from Mr. Takaferra new in Redford Co -

1. from Sam Campbell - of & debts & list of his family
claimants under Treaty of Sept 1837 -

1. from Mr. Shamburg - correspondence between him &
Colonel Kearney 4th Dragoons at Washington -

I am referred to a Circular directed to this office on the 10th
of July which I have not as yet received -

The Genl called for reports of various kinds which it is my
duty to perform & forwards on the 1st Sept -

Then an S. Temporary Establishments within this
Agency - from to remote that I cannot get
reports from in time for the office -

Army appointments & promotions received - I am
not on the list -

The Iowa people announced me for Camp -

Sunday 19th

3 letters arrived from Fort Snelling last night -

Calculated upon by the Army Officer to open in
their apprehension - engaged Mr. Bouske

and another man to go after them -

Mr Bird accompanied Mr Bouske -

Capt Smith's remarks

"where is the Sheriff - he is the proper person send him"

This is the first time in all my service that it was the duty of
any Sheriff to go in pursuit of Soldiers - deserters from the Army -
(Sharp things are said from time to time)

I hear nothing of the Newell & his exploring party -

Mr Fisk out one of his Corps has recently been
appointed a 2^d Lieut of Topographical Engineers -

I expect this party back to this Post on the 16th inst
They may be here in a day or two - if not I shall
send an Express to Lac qui parle in quest of
them -

McLure a half breed was sent to Mr Reville some
days since - it is time he had returned
we may get news by him -

Mr Vineyard Agent for the Chippewas called at my Agency -

Agency House Pls. 20th Aug Monday

Nothing of material importance transpired during this day.

The Small Pox - taken off an Indian occasionally -
The Chief of the Wah-pu-tah Sioux of the Little Rapids sent
his two sons close 35 miles to inform me of his having
the Small Pox badly - I asked Medical aid & some
food of me -

I sent him several doses of Medicine - bough. Several
pounds of Rice - some flour - & fresh Beef.

Old Mosomoni is a disagreeable man and I go to expense
for his relief with pleasure.

I have had to pay for Rice Sugar fresh Meat & other articles
for sick & dying Indians this summer out of
my own private purse 36.45 - This covers
not only our Season but a greater or less expense
for such special objects for near 20 years -

Thousands have I given to suffering old - young & sick
poor Indians & others - I wish almost at times
that I had kept my means to this date - I should
have been easy in the world for a rainy day -

Tuesday 21. August

Mr. J. B. Lambault of this Post called at the Agency to day
appeared much excited on the subject of his claims
on Indians and other matters -

He saw me transcribing the names - ages - blood & residence
of all claimants. He said it seemed that I was
determined to cut out his Grand Children from the
benefits of the Treaty - that blood (the age of) ought
not to be taken into consideration - the children were
part Sioux & that was enough - every body
seemed to be against him - white people were
him to do so -

I replied. Mr. F. I am engaged patiently in transcribing
all the claimants - copying them in families Blood
age &c for the information of the Commissioner
expected to be appointed - I am not deciding
on them myself. I have no power - I pay
no attention to insinuations from any quarter
I shall do my duty - I care not if every
thing in the nation should shudder for fear
that it is nothing to me the Treaty is made
enough & whether you or I can change it -

Tah Saufa called at the office - he is Chief of the
Wah-pu-tah Sioux & arrived from the
plains yesterday -

He called to ask for news from below - He had
gone out to his summering being with Wah-mace
Saffah - they separated - some when - some of his
followers have died of the Small Pox - a war party
having passed the Des Moines - He fears this Chief &
his people left of the Small Pox have fallen as
prey to their enemies as it has been long since
he & the women of his people got to his Village.

Present Tobacco Leads Powder Beans
25 lbs - 10 - 5 - 6

Some few other articles left in some cases should be
Shappee Chief -

Arrived 2nd arrived from the 20 miles

Village - to meet on tomorrow the
Chiefs & heads men at this office on their own affairs
a consilia having been determined upon - previous to
the arrival of the Court & the payment of the Arrears.

Wednesday 22nd

All the Chiefs & heads men of 5 Villages represented - I absent
(7. Villages interested) called at the Agency on business
relative to their Treaty stipulations.

After much counseling & talking among themselves & finally
to the Agent (11th hours) The following paper was signed for
their decision & contents signed by our door (white & half breed)
& to be presented to the Commissioner when he may sit on
the Claims -

Art 1. All goods & money to be brought to the Agency at Plains
& all Treaty stipulations fulfilled by the Government
with them as no other peace -

Art 2. All surplus over \$90,000 set apart to pay just debts
to the traders, or others to be returned to the Indians.
As many old claims will be brought they claim the most
thick settling into them by the Court. That justice may
be done the parties - particularly the Indians -

Art 3. The 100,000 to be divided among the connections of
the Medawakanton Sioux only - those identified
and living with them except those in Leaps -

4th

Art 4. They request that Alexander Torrey & Angus M. Anderson receive the \$10,000. Set apart for their careers in full of any further claim on the original ^{sum} as funds able to assist them—

5.

Art 5. That in any future arrangement of this reserve (U.S. Post) they earnestly protest against the removal of Mrs. Farnham from her present residence near Fort Snelling—

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Art 6. It is decided that Scott Campbell, then long and true friend shall have the sum of \$450 for annuity for twenty years— as stated in our treaty, and that sum shall not be changed or taken from him as it is their own money with which the United States have nothing to do and he secured him in

Wah Shee Tunkah his mark? Tak Chumk wosh laa his mark
 Maah yah Hah tah his mark? Wasson we chah tah mee his mark
 Hoe Moe Ho his mark? Water Chee laah his mark
 Maah Shee Hoah his mark? The Red Road his mark
 Shah Shee or the Sea his mark? Maah Shee chah tah his mark
 Hoe yah pah his mark? Maah Shee chah tah his mark

Witnesses.

The foregoing was with drawn

I Campbell

I a paper for 20 persons substituted

A. M. Anderson

Finally the Com^{rs} paid little or no attention to the suggestions of the Indians— and a decision

Alex Farnham

made upon consultations with the most disinterested— interested persons to be formed—

Moosomonee

Chief 2^d degree (C.D.) of the Wah-pu-tan Sioux of the Little Rapids band, as his Valley yesterday of the Snake Post—

Joseph Renville Sen. arrived from Lac qui parles late this evening— 30 of his people come with him and it is reported some 50 or 60 others are behind— What reason he has for bringing down so many people at this time I know not— It seems he cannot move out without a strong body guards & give notice to the public authorities— at this Post the Agents send no message for their people— It is thought they are brought to embarrass our treaty arrangements with the Medewakton band— more likely than any thing else

St. Peters Agency Thursday 23rd Sept 1838

More facts here?

The Round heads { Chiefs & heads men of the Wah-pu-tan Sioux
 Eng. Munnis } of Lac qui parles— came on a ring of young

There was many of the Chiefs & heads men of all the contiguous villages present—

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson of Lac qui parles. Received a Report of his School & Mission dated 14th August also letter from Indians to be forwarded—

Letter officials to Gov. David Lupton of Indian Affairs— on to Genl. G. W. Jones, Comm^r of Census for Wisconsin Territory—

Letter from Bands— one one bought of Lacqui \$40

Pemissions Bands one of — 6 cents — — — 40

Lake Calhoun Two of French Demarcus— 80

Black Dogs bands one of Anton Papius— 40

Friday 24th

A letter from Mrs. Pelage M. Farnham asking my interference as to her building west of the Mill near Fort Snelling—

Ans. That I have no control over the subject of buildings— that belongs to the Land Office. But being a Sioux half breed— the matter we viewed differently from the trader, and in any future arrangement of the Reservation he could as to Residence would be favorably considered— further I could not say—

The Chief Shokopee & Maah yah pah brought the letters of Mrs. F. & returned with the answer—

The Chief said— Mr. Farnham comes over here & talks to me & to me say & to his wife says— we hope this may not prejudice her claims—

Tak Saupa Chief of the Wah-pu-tan Sioux
 Called to say—

My Father— I wish to know how the Medewakton's will act with us— we change our annuity with them under our treaty—

Ans. They will give of the 900 to you again next spring you will have your traps & agricultural implements & able to yourselves & the horses for the last 3 years of your treaty— If your friends go wrong towards you why in your next treaty you can have four foot clove & say "we hold all for our lands & will give you nothing"

Mr. Revue Joseph Dub entered at the Office this day -
 Shasho or the his Chief - & Hoo-gah-pah. Came in when
 this Chief requested to pay a few arrows. The regular
 Interpreter being absent. Mr. R. was asked to explain.
 He stated that it had been decided to ask the Comd. to give to
 two individuals (connections) \$10.000 between them
 it did not accord with his views of right, and
 thought the funds ought to be equally divided among
 all the Half & Dr. Blood bands of the Hudson
 Hunter House only.

Mr. Revue entered his Claims - as guardians for himself &
 13 others.

Hoo-gah-pah - asked to have his friend Chilo - the Father
 of who (Loris Permeate) had been killed by an
 Indian to be put on the list for his band -

Joseph Morgans family also. by his request -

Mr. Revue asked "Can we do the Hudson Hunter House
 above at 2 near my place 279 in number
 come in to this treaty alike with the others"

Ans. Yes provided they join the Villages of the others &
 identify & remain here as with them -

The Son of Big Stem Lake & Lake Haverd have
 gone to war against the Chippewas -
 to report Mr. Revue - He told them war him -

Saturday 25 Aug 1838.

Letter of Thomas W. Pipe application for Situation of
 Farmer for Little Belles - Band

Reply - & State his propositions would be favorably considered
 as I well aware of his ability, and qualifications
 for such a Situation. His Character proved to be -

Mr. J. N. Nichols & party sent from - Chippewas &
 Standing - returned to this Post after an absence
 of more than two months exploration of the
 Country on the plains, Head waters of Missouri
 River, St. Peter's & Head waters of the tributaries
 of the River Mississippi.

Letter Comd. alias Big Thunder, called at the Agency, and
 had a talk on the distribution of the Annual
 stipend it would go according to strength of
 Villages - much talk in since by Mah-jah-kah
 Tah & his Father on this subject - and the
 division of the half Breed money - He was
 requested by his people to see me and learn
 my opinion and views of these matters.

Sunday 26 August 1838.

The Big Thunder Chief -

I spoke to him this day & told him that
 I must talk a little thing to him - It was known
 how much beloved his Father was - & the respect
 he bears in me & I in him - we understood each
 other - both for the interest of both Nations -

You as his son must come forward as the son
 of a great & good man a regular Chief and as
 the son of this Chief you must be first to speak &
 the first in doing good for your people.

Men who open their ears to every body I have no
 good opinion of - You ask me to assist you - I will
 but you must also assist yourself - Stand forward
 and show yourself - I will sustain & assist you
 on this both you & your people may rely -

As to your Annuitant - no injustice can or will be
 done - you & your people may be easy -

As to the Half & Dr. Blood Claims than can be arranged
 to the satisfaction of 3/4 of the Delegation -

Major Plympton Comd. called at the Office & left the
 official report of Capt Smith who states that
 he was up the St. Peter's & called at a Lodge, and
 while he & Mr. Stanley were at its entrance - an
 Indian deliberately took down his gun & snaped
 it at him - This occurred at the Village of
 Shush-kah-nah near the Village of Black Dog -
 on yesterday the 25th inst.

The Little Bow - Chief & others of Lac qui parle came to
 pay their respects - having just arrived
 on a visit to this Agency with 50 men -

I have on several occasions had to remark in former Journals
 the fact that all business seemed to be resumed for
 Sunday - & the most important transactions were
 generally on that day which was set apart for
 man to rest from his labors - but not so for all
 I am & have been for years compelled by force
 of circumstances to violate that holy day -

Big Thunder, Hoo-moh & others came & ask the Agent to show
 up a paper to satisfy all if possible of their rela-
 tives - as the first was not well received. They were
 requested after they had finished their remarks
 to name the persons - they then named 20 -
 I put down the names as called, & handed them the paper

Monday August 27th 1838.

Wrote a letter to Mr. Plympton relation to the
Indians who killed his son & Inaped it at
Capt Smith on the 25th inst.

The Indians can claim any basis intention whatever
in the transaction.
Steam Boat Archie Capt. Lee arrives this day with
U. S. Agents - Judge Pease, and
Mr. & D. Ewing - Mr. Spiering Secretary -
a number of persons - The Commissioners
establish their office in the Agency House -
& sit as a Board to examine and determine
Claims of debt due traders & Half Breed Claims

Tuesday 28th

Indians who are not entitled to come under
the treaty of 1827. arrived -

Establishment Chief of Inspection & 50 men arrived

Ashpahtah Tah - Wahpachoda - & 20 men

The Broken Arm - Little Pease - & 40 men

Wahpachoda of Lac qui parre - 60 men

These Indians & their people approached us to
us, by not known by whom invitations or for
what purpose - Their visit determined

Letter to Gov. Dodge & Mr. Hitchcock
in answer to General from them -

Our letter from the Com. of Indian
Affairs - relation to Commissioners to settle
Claims at this Post -

News of the great loss sustained by H. Dillon of Bedford
Mr. Father in law - all his property on Pitt
Street destroyed by fire \$38,000 - This is his
old age with a large family is heard -

Letter in reply to Mrs. Taliaferro now in Bedford
on the loss sustained by our family -

Mr. Dillon's property in Bedford \$23,000
on Pitt Street wholly consumed by fire

Wednesday 29th Sept

The Steam Boat Archie left this morning for St. Louis
to return possibly with stores for the Indians
in a few days -

The Red Dog - of the Peter Rosche band of Superstition
speaking cultures and made a short speech
and presented his Pipes -

I made him a small present of Powder, Lead, & Tobacco
The U. S. Commissioners - give notice to open the Board of Superstition
for settlement of Claims against the Indians -

Lists of 120 Half & 2^d Blood Claims
handed in by the Agent to the Board -

Thursday 30th

Many persons from Ram an chiefs claiming to be
connections of the Sioux - & others from
Green Bay & Chippewas -

Hundreds of calls by Traders to have their appts
looked up before the Agent -

Half & 2^d Blood Claims called to have lists
made of them & their families -

The Agent prepares lists of 24 families
& lay them before the Commissioners on Claims

Friday 31st

The Board of Commissioners sit on Claims this day
Mr. Moore, Purcell - Miller & Brown -
file them - Brown sworn by the Agent
& examined - General Indians examined
also -

A large No. of Indians - Wahpachoda, Superstition
& Chippewas arrived - a Dance by the
Beams - we wait for the Chiefs from
Wabeskas Village & Lake Pepin -
before we can go on with the Half
Blood Claims -

Sept 1. 1838. Saturday

The Agent busy in discharging official duties for Traders. Indian &c.

Investigation of Traders Claims pending -
Various other accounts - a close examination
is made & full investigation into every particular
is going on by the Boards all right - so that justice
may be rendered one to all concerned.

Sunday 2^d Sept

Nothing of importance happened during this day.

Monday 3^d

H. H. Sibley for the Am. & Co. laid in the Claims
of the Company for \$80,000. - in all

Mr. Rotter Claims & for Baum's laid in -

Mr. D B Forebault's Claims examined -

Mr. Remder & Lapin's bonds received also -

I Campbell for credit long. Mr. Campbell
for substance furnished -

I Taliaferro for substance & Store & \$2174.91

Tuesday 4th

I administer oath to 24 persons this day in
various cases on Claims.

The Commissioners exposed privately this
day - Mr. S. S. is for 3 yrs & not over 15,500 \$
Mr. Sibley & Mr. Baker stand high with all parties.

Wednesday 5th

Am. & Co. & some others examined on their
Claims - Mr. Forebault - Bailey - LaBlanc
Remder - Anderson & Forebault & others
Sworn 15th before me.

The Indians call in and talk an hour with
the Commissioners as to the Claims against
them - and wished a full investigation
of the whole in every respect as to Charges.

Thursday 6th

The Chiefs of Wahshet Band arrive also the
Chiefs & some men from Lake Pepin - I sent
Mr. D. Campbell for them by request of the Commissioners
to attend Settlement of Claims & Half Breed Claims -
Late attended on Claims this day some 30 sworn
in different cases by the Commissioners -
Rapid on to Pike's Island this evening to visit
some Indians newly arrived - I found a Dance
on foot - The Scalp Dance - remained a few minutes
and passed over to the Am. & Co. Post in company
with the Commissioners - & several other gentlemen -

Friday 7th

Busily preparing Abstracts, Estimates, Maps &c. &c.
for the year ending Sept 1838 - I find much
and various interruption - while the Commissioners
are in Session - the calls for my presence daily
are so frequent that I have no leisure to attend
to the most pressing calls of the Dept -
I am represented for a few days past to have caused the Indians
to sign a paper paying me \$10,000 - out of the Half
Breed funds - when the Commissioners come to act on
this subject it will be seen if this malicious report
have any foundation in truth - My enemies seem
at a loss what to invent or propagate to injure me.
The Indians acknowledge a just debt of mine for \$2174.91. and
thanking that I advanced the actual cash for their
benefit. Signed a request to the Com^{rs} to pay it in
full - & more just in equity than any other Claim -

Saturday 8th

The Commissioners receive the last of the Traders
Claims this day & testimony taken in each
case - My whole Claim with others went through
the regular ordeal of examination & evidence -
The Boards then adjourned over to Monday 10th
& will go into an investigation of Half Breed
Claims -

I reported to Maj Plympton Comd. the arrival of all
Indians at the Post during the week -
We can for before on the 5 & 6 paragraphs or Claims 2^d
Art from Treaty - as to what can be done for them
benefit the full - I speak in his favor for
doubtless later - & he handed me his written opinion

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Sunday Sept 9th 1838

I devote this day to the making up my official papers for the year 1838. unfortunately this labour has necessarily to be carried on on this day of rest -
Wabishos Band have not called on me since their arrival - to pay respect to the Agent as customary with all Indians arriving at this Post. influences are at work to prevent any talk with them before a division of the Half Blood money & the settlement of the debts of the traders - poor devils on all those little they know me - and how much less do I care what they do to defraud each other - and aim at granding a few - to the injury of the many -

I trust the Commissioners when before things are brought to a close - have the will sufficiently open to see through the Malicious designs of many -

Monday 10th

The Comm^{rs} closed the U.S. Interpreter to appear before the Delegation at the Council House & then to explain the names of all the Half Blood list - & hear all objections & note them -
This day he attempted to discharge but failed as the traders & half breeds crowded the Hall & kept the minds of the Indians so distracted that no just decision from them could be had -

Reports completed for this mail 8 packages -

1. Estimates for 1839 -
2. Lists of all persons employed
3. Abstracts of Licenses granted
4. Statistical Return & Maps
5. Abstracts of Presents delivered
6. Report of Post office & Sale of Agency
7. Report & Estimate for the full 506 Claims 2nd reg
8. Report & Letters - Contrasted with Dr Wagon & to the Comm^{rs} Indian affairs -

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Tuesday 11 Sept 1838

A general Council held by the Comm^{rs} this day with the Senate at the Agency. a full attendance of Indians & an equally attendance of Half Bloods & white Blood interested & others disinterested -

The business was to settle upon the proper Claimants to the \$110,000 set apart in the Crown Treaty for the Hudson's Bay relations only -
Many not at Council or entitled were thrown in by improper influences over the minds of the Indians - by designing persons -

Return for 150 Rat's Pelt 150 lbs flour after Council to Wabishos Band & Lake Pepin

Wednesday 12th

The Council men to furnish with the nearest supplies of the Indians on the Half Breed funds - and had to adjourn for the day. To take such was kept back -

3 Beef cattle 1900 lbs of meat given to the Indians of Wabishos & other Bands this evening by the traders & Half Breeds -

A complaint was made by some ill natured persons to the Commissioners that the Indians were starving - 160 & 35 Pork & flour issued

The Indians said to the Interpreter this evening we shall have enough to eat as our funds are to give us 2 or 3 Hides of Beef Cattle

Thursday 13th

The Commissioners again met the Chiefs & head men of the Hudson's Bay Indians in Council - when the "Bad Hair" rose & presented a paper to the Comm^{rs} which he said he wished to be considered finally. It contained some twenty names whom the Chief desired to give to get a better more than others - than had been much said but he hoped now all would be finished & -

Reported again by some one to Ind^{rs} Bands one of the Comm^{rs} that the Indians on the other side were starving - & that funds would be found with them & c & c

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I heard the remarks in the hall - by Judge Pease & Mr. Rolin in conversation on this subject -
I stated at once to Judge Pe - that if there were any complaints I had not heard them - The Indians the night previous had received 160 or 70 Bats of Pork & flour - I wished no word as they had been promised by their friends except the Rev. that they would let me know their true number for to day that the Indians were starving was false -

The Commissioners
named in Council to the Indians that they had heard they were suffering for provisions - that they had requested the Agents to supply them - if he did not - they were told to apply to the Commissioners and they would see that they got it -

This was repeated to generally by the Chaps - in substance as follows -
"You speak of provisions we are glad to hear of this we have supplied all summer & our Father could not help us - as you mention provisions - we will take the number of all our villages and let our Father know - we have had some provisions - but our Father here did not know our number as he was not told - by our friends how many were near this place - & 400 rats spent"

Friday 14th Sept

Some remarks induced me to furnish the Commission with the first paper - giving A Ferrelault, and A M. Anderson \$10,000 - to them that I had no interest in the Commission or at least in charging up either paper requested by the Indians -

Delicate & important duties devolve upon all Agents
It is impossible to please all - when advised malice and calumnies are the ruling passions with some people - no man however honest or disinterested can discharge his official or even private obligations and duties free from remarks - either idle, or ill natured -

196, & 128 - 324 R.P. 324 No flour issued - 32 to Sixes Band -

The Comm. Officer sent for me & stated as "Your returns are coming in rather heavy - I must wait & clear no more this day until his return"

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from the Public Mills - as he wished to for a full & correct statement of the surplus provisions in the public Store - this he thought expedient in the event of any future disbursement among the Indians - the enrolling of the Citizens for defence - & then enrolling necessary supply for them and their families by the Government - "all right" - I replied that I could would not - I have been called upon by the Commissioners of the U.S. - who were engaged transacting official business with the Indians under the Treaty of Sept 29th 1839 - to supply them with Rations during the continuance of said Commission at this Post on business - That I was instructed by the Comm. of Indian Affairs to do so - That with the present decisions and views of the Commissioners as expressed in open Council to the Indians on the 13th inst an unusual demand was made by the Indians and to meet it, and hear no complaint would require an expenditure of \$5,000 - unless I could obtain provisions from the public Store at this Post -

Saturday 15th

Provisions returned to Indians this day	Wabesha	Pork	Flour
1. Wabesha	128	128	
2. Red Cloud Bands	196	196	
3. Lake Calhoun Band	79	79	
4. Little Crow Village	80	80	
5. Little Rapids Indian	32	32	
6. Sixes Village	32	32	
7. Sisseton South	25	25	
Total		572	572

I closed my A/c - with Vouchs for Purchase - 600. from Steele & Co 225.41 - and \$20. for 1/2 of Cattle - lot of 25 miles & sold at Auction - This A/c for 1835 & 36 - closed for the third time in this office & Vouchers forwarded -
A letter to the 2^d Audit in explanation -

A/c's for depudation withdrawn
Mary B. Farrelaut \$472*? Godfrey \$50
Perry 459 Quire 92.50
Lauchlin 20 Mrs. Besow 95.00
O'Crute 420 Reasch 70.00
Mapey 220 B F Baker 210.00
Brunet 58.50
Deferlis 60.00
Folsom 25.00
Many of these accounts were returned to this office for authentication - greatly enlarged and in the hands waiting of J. C. Stambaugh - one of them accounts (J.B.F.) is now in transit in the office at Washington

Sunday Sept 16th 1838

The Interpreter notified me that as he was attending to the issue of Provisions to the Indians yesterday morning - 128 Rations of Pork & flour was weighed off to Wabusha Bands - and those who came for it walked off, & would not receive it - but finally returned & took it off - This Band N^o. 128. Sals passed them: women & children -

This Band has for years been under no restraint and are impudent & presumptuous - indeed in this by idle Councils & flattery injurious to the public interest - or final welfare of the poor Indians. —

Amogensiah came to say

"I have had much abuse for recognizing your account for goods & provisions given us out of your own money - The traders are hardest on me & they push some of my own people to blame me - I know I did right in signing it & asking payment for you never traded & pushed us into cold & into the jaws of our enemies

When you had nothing of our great Father in your hands to give your children - you would send out & buy what would relieve our wants at the time - Knowing this I pay no attention to any white people & keep myself at my Village -

I replied - "My friends all our people who signed my account well knew - that I had given much to them out of my own pocket - for years past I did it with pleasure never expecting to be paid for any acts of kindness in supplying the wants of poor - blind & lame & others in distress. Make yourself easy & listen to no one - do the best you can for your people and your connections - The traders will take care of themselves & receive what may be due them. If your traders begrudge me my just claims I cannot help it - I have as much right to what is due to me as they have to what may be due to them - I ask nothing from them —

Arrived - early - Malin, and Chibachew seems the order of the day with some Claimants - (Some few honorable exceptions) for lost debts from 1805 down to the present day - Let them traduce & vilify - I can not —

Provisions returned this morning —

1	Pork Flour	
	For Wabusha band	128 + 128
	Redd Wamp band	196 + 196
	Scattering Bands	70 + 70
	Seven Wabusha	50 + 50
		434 + 434

None of the Bands called for Provisions this day - No mail has as yet arrived & no news of the Steam Boat - The water is too low for me to navigate the Mississippi & may be continue all fall - Our Indians hurry as to the fulfilment of treaty stipulations, has ever been to slow for either justice, satisfaction, or effect —

Monday 17th

A conspiracy has been detected at the head of which is Samuel C. Stoughton & a few satellites at present around him - The object of which is to pervert the Commissioner against the Agent & to ruin his character if possible - for this purpose questions have been artfully & clandestinely put to the Interpreter and various other persons in and out of Fort Snelling - & they induce - Agents held out for the purpose of prevailing on them to express dissatisfactions as to the conduct of the Agent - How far these operations may be made to bear upon the Indians to induce them to do the same - remains to be seen. —

Rations issued to Indians this day

	Pork Flour	
	Wabusha	128 + 128
	Redd Wamp	196 + 196
	Letter C.	60 + 60
	Lake Cathlamet	70 + 70
	Black Dog	45 + 45
	Four Bands	57 + 57
		556 + 556

The Commissioners Arriving.

I was joined at the Chaps and head men at the Agency this day - that they would be met in Council on Wednesday - for some action on business to be laid before them by the Commissioners. —

The mail arrived - Far Wapsh asked for grant two Re. to take effect from Oct 15th - This day from the 1. Letter from Mrs. S. from wife of Wapsh 2 do from H. W. Sellers 2 more from

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Received a Communication from May Plympton
asking for information as to any innovations
to the Survey, or any work of them to a Council
on the 11th inst. by the Cherokee & other tribes -
The was referred to in the negotiation - no propositions either
direct or indirect have been made -

Tuesday Sept 18th 1838

Provisions called for by Indian Tribes 128. 128
Red wings Band 196. 196
(No Steam Boat) Little Lewis do 60. 60
arrived this day Sins Village 445. 445
Sun - Eclipse Visible in part P.M. - 429. 429.

Mrs. Margaret Pizant - Sister of the U.S. Interpreter I have
she died in 4 hours after Child birth this day at
the Agency - she was well at 5 o'clock this morning
Several persons called upon official business -

Wednesday 19th Sept

After the funeral of Mrs. Pizant Mr. Campbell the
Interpreter Sister - The Indians were assembled
at 3 o'clock P.M. in council and met the U.S.
Commissioners - who had the divisions into Claps
of the half breed funds made & explained to
the Chiefs - name by name - Clap by Clap -
1st Clap in 200 of the Country \$1500 each
2^d Clap in 200 do 1000 do
3^d Clap do do do 750 do
4th Clap do do do 500 do
5th Clap - remote 400 do

Foreigners whose claims were not equal in many
respects to those of native born Americans would
the largest dividends - The Commissioners had
a delicate duty to discharge & if not more than
three or four cases of injustice occurred it may
(if there was no personal feeling) upon the whole
as just as a majority could have expected -

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I am guardian for those persons hereafter named
in the 3 & 4th Claps. Become Trustee for only 3. Gies -
Begs my own daughter 3 Clap - \$750
K. M. Kenge 2. Jane Lament 4 do 500
+ 3. Nancy Eastman 4 do 500
on Intents to be 4. Elizabeth Williams 4 do 500
H. M. H. or Pope } 5. Winona Culbertson 4 do 500
Sam Pond } 6. J. B. F. Russell 4 do 500
7. William Brown 4 do 500
8. Mary E. Orter 4 do 500
Macleod } 9. Henry F. Orter 4 do 500
Four thousand seven hundred fifty 4750

The whole division of the half breed funds appears to have
been divided among the numerous claimants upon consul-
tation with the most disinterested & interested persons that
could be found in this country - That sum 594. 594

Thursday 20th

Returns Made for Provisions this day Wabasha 128. 128
Red wings bands 196. 196

A change of weather - cool & cloudy with some rain during the night & morning

None of the Bands called for Provisions during all this
day - The had presents in provisions in abundance from
those to whom they gave or sanctioned the largest sums -
So, it was stated by some Indians from across the River

Some complaints as to the final distribution of the half
blood donations by the Commissioners - The Indians were
consulted as a mere matter of form - The distribution
shares went beyond what they desired & in a distribution
never alluded to - except as Treasurers in common -

I find it best to observe silence & pay little or
no attention to what is passing - I feel myself a mere
Cypher - and as I never expected any other result I
experienced no disappointment -

I am disposed to believe from all I can learn that
we shall from the independence of some persons - have
trouble about the Military reserve at this Post - before
we can find proper limits until late years never
questioned - until the age for speculation was started

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St. Peter Friday Nov 7 1838

The heads men of two Villages call on me this day & request to see privately & then publicly the two Commissioners - the County officer & myself - They stated that their signatures to the paper had been hastily demanded & given - some heads as yet not signed & the paper was not fully understood - their wishes had not been complied with & too much of the money had gone out of their country - They wished a reconsideration of some cases & if this could not now be had - they desired to address the President I replied - When you met & the paper was read & explained you wished for one night to reflect - this you ought to have had - but fearing you would not sign at all - I intimated to the Little Crow to sign & make his mark - as I well knew if it was not then signed - you would not do it the next on such a distribution - & I should bear all the blame - as my Chief had been one of the number depressed of what you intended the same had -

It is a matter with which I wish to have nothing to do - & with me have - Rascals have been busy to injure me - & to arraign at the accomplishment of their present designs - It affords me no pleasure to reflect on the conduct of such doings

Mr Duncan Graham called at the Office & asked me to draw up a protest against the late allotment made by the Commissioners as wholly at variance with the views wishes & intentions of the Chiefs signing the Treaty -

1. for improperly making too many Claps
2. for injurious distinctions -
3. for placing persons rejected by the Indians on the Rols
- 4 for perpetrating a number acknowledged
- 5 for giving as much to Claimants out of as well as in the country - same footing

I replied to these statements by ask Mr Graham - who it was that proposed to him to address himself to me - he replied - Col Sternbaugh -

Then said I go to him to draw your protest - I will have no part nor lot in the matter - you say Mr Sibley Rotelle & Bailey - with Mr Revell alone even consulted by the Commissioners - he it so. I was

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not in any manner - These gentlemen were invited to hand in lists of Claps. 1, 2, 3, 4 & c. & in connection with the Commissioners made of the result as partially signed by the Chiefs - It is well as it is - I have no bones in the arrangement - and I am glad of it - no one can, or shall in truth cast a stain upon my Character -

Doct O. B. Wright then entered as I was warmly replying & refusing to listen to his proposals -

I said - Doct - I am glad you have stepped in - to hear what

I say to Mr Graham - That "I will not take part nor lot in any matter contrary to the present allotment of the Half breed money among the Claimants - I was & am interested - my daughter was improperly thrust into the 3^d Class - out of the 1st - I saw & felt this - nevertheless it was my fault that the Chiefs nearly all signed the allotment laid before them on Thursday by the Commissioners - If they had put it off for another day - none would have signed it in its present shape - I saw what was working in their minds when Echah Nakow asked for the postponement - I knew after the feeling developed by some

& the reports against me by some vile slanderers - that thence the Chiefs refused their assent - The blame of not doing so would be made to fall on me - This is my excuse for acting as I did - my removal

from office has been freely spoken of & clandestinely all have come to my knowledge - I was barely misrepresented to the Commissioners - at least to one of them & the interested falsehoods I am sorry to say has made all the deleterious efforts on Gen. W. L. D. Ewing that their designing knaves could have devised or wished - The result has shown as far as the Half Blood Claims have gone - Note on the settlement of the just debts of the Indians I anticipate as far as I am concerned a worst result -

The Anti Far Cry as I have often stated to the Dept will continue the actions of the public authors - in any manner where money is concerned in connection with the trade of the Indians -

The Agent it is well known - has violent personal enemies at this Post - and a very short sighted person may soon learn why this is the fact - If he can keep for one week free from all prejudice - An honorable & a firm man can act independently - a pusillanimous one never -

Saturday 22 Sept 1838.

A short private talk with Mr. Spierman the Secy of the Board of Claims now sitting. he is a firm friend to justice & equal rights - a friend to the Savage and this fact alone gives him of his Amiable Character. And Mr. Graham called at my office.

Mr. Rogers & Campbell present. I asked Mr. Graham if he had arranged his views with Col. Stambaugh - & on his replying not exactly - I asked him then "you remember when you called yesterday I am possessed of a paper protesting against the present or late division of the Half Blood Annuity - & to be copied in the hands of another (I think Col. Stambaugh had advised you to come to me) I refuse flatly to have any thing to do with such a matter - either directly or indirectly - he replied yes. I know you said so -

A Steam Boat reported below the Pine Bend this day - I hope it may come & relieve us of the people about this Post who appear to be as follows -

1	Returners of Red wings Band	196	196
2	Wabushas Band	124	124
3	All other Scattering Indians	100	100
		Total	420

Some of the Traders & half breeds not satisfied with a larger share of money than they would be fairly entitled to are so ungrateful as to treat the Indians as follows - "If you don't do as we say - we will reduce you to the necessity of wearing Leather Bitch cloth & leggings - we will render you miserable & you shall repent for any opposition to our wishes -

An Agent of the Am & Cpy Stude. the foregoing is substantiated to the Indians a day or two past -

Mr. Bailey - states that the American fur Company would rule the Indians in spite of the former's want - and cause them to do as they pleased in all things -

I regret both as a public officer & an individual that this remark of Mr. Bailey is but too true - and I have had cause often in the course of my official career at this Post as Indian Agent - to experience the baleful effects of this powerful influence. I have as often warned the Government of this growing evil -

Sunday 23 Sept 1838

A Steam Boat was reported near the S. River yesterday for this place, & one other had passed up the River since I came this morning the foregoing report - false - Indians called for Provisions Wabushas Band 124, 124 Red wings Band 196, 196 Little Crows do 50, 50 Total 370 " 370:00

I see no necessity for any further issue of provisions to Indians - until their Annuitants arrive - but in the U.S. Commissioners - desire still to be considered in Council they expect these issues to be made - however unhelpful, or expending - I am here to obey orders however, & no more - Others are to think, and act for me as possible -

Genl. Ewing - at length addressed himself to me for the first time for some days - by asking who was Jane Lamont - This was as I supposed to introduce some derogatory conversation I replied she is the daughter of the late Daniel Lamont & formerly a partner of the Col. Fur Coy near this Post. James Lamont was a cousin of my daughter - as was Elizabeth Williams, and Nancy Eastman - I had the charge of their children by August, & as well as of the two children of Henry H. Otley dec. viz Mary F. & Mary E. Otley - also of William Brown - J. B. F. Russell and Wisconsin Collectors - whose Father wished me as their friend to look after their children to see they did not suffer among the Indians -

Genl. Ewing spoke of Russell's son being with the Indians - I replied yes - he was generally with them yet I had had him by August in view & place often given him what his necessities required throughout his Mother - is also that the Mother's friends of these children -

Genl. E. spoke of Trustees & intimates that they ought to be appointed to take charge of their funds - but did not ask me if I would act in such capacity but rather seemed to think of some other -

I then stated I had intended to place the funds of Otley's children in the hands of Mr. McClellan - who had taken the daughter -

I intended to consult Mr. Pope at the Little Crows Village as to Russell's & Eastman's children -

I also intended to effect an arrangement with Mr. McKim -

as to them & secured their money at interest on real Estate Security in St Louis - & let the children have the full benefit of their funds (pay first any debts) when of age or on becoming married -

Genl. Ewing then said why not place their funds at once into their hands - but said he had no idea of supererogating to do -

I replied such a course might do - yet as the first & only fund to them orphans & long their guardians - It was my wish to see justice done to them - & this I could do as well as any other person - Thinking that some interested person had been touching on this subject to the General & to prevent imposition or any claim of future claims on the helpless children - I consulted funds -

When I returned to the Room of the Commissioners, & appeared formally for the funds of J. Children including my own & gave their names as follows -

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Elizabeth Williams | Trustee B F Baker |
| 2. Nancy Eastman | afterwards Mrs Tho Odell |
| 3. J B F Russell | Trustee B F Baker |
| 4. Mary J Salaserra | Afterwards Mrs Warren Woodbury |
| 5. Winona Culbertson | Trustee B F Baker |
| 6. William Brown | Trustee B F Baker |
| 7. Henry H Orley | Guardianship given over to Martin McClouds - |
| 8. Mary E. Orley | |

Having been the guardian I claim to be the trustee and left the paper this evening with the Commissioners. It is reported this evening that Genl. E. took over a No. of the Am F Cy a/c & turned to their Honors & their action upon them upon funds & says Pease his colleague on yesterday Saturday the 22nd inst -

Again in presence of Map Pease & the Secretary Mr. Speirins Genl. Ewing said I thought you intended leaving the country as I heard you say so - Ans - Yes - I said so - & perhaps may have done so - But finding a disposition to rather to thrust me out - I had determined to remain long enough to break down the vicious policy of the Am F Cy with the Indians - or be broken down myself - And that the more I was vilified & abused for being the Indians friend & protector the longer I would stay in the country -

Victory Monday Sept 24th 1838

Clear & cool this morning - The Equinox has passed rather early - The Mississippi and other extremely low a Boat cannot reach us I fear until a rise of water - as such disappointment to the Indians who are really destitute & in pressing need of their annuity.

The Chiefs & heads men of the Seave asked for a conference with the Commissioners upon the applications as I am informed of D Grahams to them - touching the unequal distribution of the "Half Blood" funds.

May Plympton was called for at the request of the Indians to see what was done & hear what was said -

The Commissioners appeared, & the Council began - but found report after words - it seems the Interpreter Mr. Scott Campbell had overcharged himself with a heavy supply of liquor at the salter's store. & was thereby rendered incapable of being understood by either the Commissioners or the Indians.

And the Council broke up abruptly - I was not present -

Not being called to act in any manner with the business brought to view. And am glad I did not witness such a scene as did occur & must have been disgusting in every respect -

Tuesday 25th

I yesterday gave a note to Mr. Martin McClouds - for the Commissioners - surrendering my Trustee & Guardian ship of Mary E. & Frederick Orley to him - Stating his ability to give security & discharge faithfully the trust - they received male \$1,000.

Requested Mr. Baker to take the funds of J B F Russell, Winona Culbertson - Jane Lamont - William Brown & Henry Hanson - 5 - \$2,500
McClouds the two Orleys 1000
off my hands 3,500

Some changes this day in Half Blood rolls more satisfactory Theresa Laclere & Jos Laperboud found to be no corrections taken off - \$250 taken off of children - & \$500 more given to Alex and son & a rebowl at my request \$500 to Mr. Bourke & \$250 more to Mr. Beeson - \$500 was given to Sent McClouds Club - by general consent - having been inadvertently left off -

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I directed my Interpreter Mr. Scott Campbell to
Apologize to Genl. Ewing one of the Commissioners
for not attending to his duty yesterday in a
proper manner & declining to interpret as directed
to the Indians - He did so amply & the apology
was cordially accepted -

Mr. Fairbanks called to see me & made some state-
ments of what I had said as to his having no
right to build at this Post &c

I was asked by the Comg Officer if Mr. Fairbanks
had a license to trade at this Post I replied his
Post was the Little Rapids at this time - some years
since he traded on the other side of the Mts near
this Post -

I was also asked if I knew whom house it was
going up on the opposite side - I replied I had
been so busy that I had not seen it - that
I presumed no person had a right to build there
that I would send over a carpenter & let him see
Comg Officer know - This is all - for I know not who
was building a log house until Mr. F told me
was for the use of his hired men -

Almost every day I am made to say what I
did not say - by mischievous people -

Wednesday 26th Sept -

I was sent for to the Fort by Judge Pease one of
the Comm^{rs} to administer the oath to several
persons before the Board - rendering statements
of their accounts of sales of furs & pelts for
15 or 20 years back -

Mr. Noble - A Bailey - H H Sibley - Kenneth McQuinn
and J B Fairbanks were sworn - The Com^{rs}
having no further use for my services I returned
Licenses granted this day to J B Fairbanks & Charles
Fairbanks for the Entry of the River "Peters"
& to David Fairbanks for the "Little Rapids" Post

Mr. Baker sent in my statement requesting him to
become proprietor & trustee for five children
viz Sam Lamont & John B & Russell
Henry Thompson & Winona Albertson
& William Brown -

I asked if Mr. Baker had been before the Commissioners
No - but they have had the honor of receiving my

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paper (Genl. Ewing) but Mr. Baker was known & did not
need any recommendations of mine - or words to that effect
as I understood Genl. Ewing to say in the Secretary Room
this evening -

Rations issued this day Red Wing 196 196
Wabasha 124 124
No more made applications 320 320

I am told by the Interpreter that the Indians would generally
call for provisions on tomorrow & as the Commissioners were not ex-
act in Council - The Chiefs would expect rations for from
800 to 1000 or more - The Commissioners said - "we have been
informed that some of the Indians had complaints of the
want of provisions & some of them were suffering for the
want of food & were getting sick - This had been reported
to them - and they desired if this was the fact to let them
know it, and they thought we were taken care of as long
as the Council lasted - they thought have enough and
a plenty for all of them & if they had not we could
not get provisions enough to report the facts to them
& that they would see that they were supplied &c &c

The answer to this is well known - The Agent
was acquainted of any disposition to withhold food from
them by the Indian Chiefs - They stated that provisions
had been given them - all who called for them but
no enumeration had been handed in - but as provisions
were now pressed they would give the Agent the names
of all their villages - & hoped to have a plenty

The people - Half Breeds & others left for the lower
country - Ramen claims this evening -

Thursday 27th

Cloudy weather with but little rain - no appearance or
chance of a fire in the River - of course no Boats -
Ration Returns made as follows for Indians - Red Wing 196 196
Wabasha Band 124 124

Attending on Council with 3
The U.S. Comm^{rs} on Claims 3 other Bands 70 60 60 190 190
Whole A.P. 590 590

Mr. J Wells called at the office on business which was
arranged - he just returned from Lake Pepin -

Mr. Gavin - Swiss missionary also arrived but has not
as yet called at this office - I desire to see
him as there is a report that he told Wabasha Band
that the Government would fail to pay their annuity -

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Mr. Lewis the Sec. called at the Agency & requested me to
to Fort Snelling & Secar certain persons before the
Commissioners. —
Mr. Rotter - Mr. Lafontaine. Mr. Joseph Russell sent & gave
were qualified to give testimony in the validity
of Joseph Russell's Sen. Cse. Supplementing against the
Mudawakanton Sioux said to travel with him
at "Laqui park" —

Conversations between Judge Pease one of the Commissioners
in presence of Mr. Spier the Secretary on the
issue of Permits - to Indians at this Council -
I stated that 590 permits had been issued this day &
that over 6,000 had been issued
I thought it extravagant for the occasion & asked if
it should be continued - again the Indians
understand from what had fallen from the
Judge in Open Council - that all who attended
the Council should be fed - I so understood
it as must all who heard the remarks at
the time - for one I felt hurt - as they were
out of place & not required in a public
assembly - as the report of them suffering
was false & as they were getting up to sell
provisions & to affect the standing of the
Agent with all parties -

The Indians were told by the Commissioners to complain
to them if in future they were not well supplied
and O. —

Now - The Commissioners say that if I have issued
too much - they did not to interfere it
& in effect no matter what they said I
was to be governed by my usual course -
and if as only to the proper authorities
of the tribe - This I have applied to the
Commissioners to decide but could get no
direct answer upon the subject - only that
"The Indians must be fed" —

Now it would seem hard to suffer blame in
the first place for being guarded in my issue
I on the 2^d for issuing to the Indians, and
their families attending on the Council
with the Commissioners. — so we go
now it is said there is no further need for

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The Chiefs - of course I will stop all issues after to-mor-
row & send all the families off & requesting
the Chiefs only to remain - for the arrival of the
Steam Boat with the annuities —

Friday 28th Sept
Dance at the Fort by "Big Thunder"
{Bands - Presents made by the Commissioners
Tobacco - a piece of Calico & 2000 —
Messrs Gavin - Pond & Stevens - Superintendents
called at the office - I was absent on
business with the Council at the Fort -
I find a paper in circulation - signed by
Half & Dr. Blood, Sioux relation to a
division of the Lake Pepin Reservation
jointly & severally between all Bloods
This was not contemplated by the Treaty of July
15. 1830. & again in 1887 at Washington
The Medawakanton Sioux Delegation
conferred before the Sec of War, under
the Com. of Indian Affairs) explicitly
to whom the lands was given & their
views in doing so - Half Bloods and
no other were to benefit by the grant -

Messrs Pond & Gavin called at the office in the afternoon
I alluded to the subject of the accusations or rather
made by the Indians that Mr. Gavin should have said
to Washakie bands that the U.S. would fail to
pay their annuity fully to the Sioux -

Mr. Gavin said - I certainly never said the words imputed
to me - I might have said that - a part would
be paid this year and the balance next
Spring - that all would not be paid nor would
not be this year - Interest money must be
due one year before it can be paid - as they
had a funded debt with the government it
must come to maturity of course before payment
it is likely in this I may have been misunder-
stood & —

I talked with Mr. Pond on the subject of forming
for the Sioux of Lake Cathlamet - who have
papers between us & Mr. Percote on this &
other matters - touching the future location
of this Bands 2000 —

Notes Spent
186. 196
124. 124
320. 20.

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The Commissioners had some conversation with some of the Chiefs relative to Provision this evening as the Interpreter Mr Campbell reported to me - He asked if they had said any thing to me on the subject - I replied they had not said a word. More than that they could nothing more to do with the Indians - at this Council I of course should slip all issues of Provision -

Saturday 29th Sept 1838 -

Fisher a Soldier of Fort Snelling died this morning. He was known as a worthy lad - and attentive to his several duties.

Judge Pease (Cov.) remarked to me this morning that they had talked with some of the Chiefs last evening - & they begged to wait to hear from below as to their annuity & wished to see Rations for a few days longer - that half the present issue they promised to get along with - He said the mail was expected & they promised that they (the Indians) should have Rations until that time - if no news came they of course they would then have to go home -

Rate 100: 100 -

To Messrs S L Pease & W L D Ewing
Office Indian Agency Affairs
Iowa Territory Sept 29 1838

Gentlemen

Under the orders of the

Department of the 26th of July past. I have since the 16th inst. issued several thousands Rations to Indians attending on Special Council with the Commissioners under treaty of September 29th 1837 for the settlement of Claims of the half breeds and debts of the Service -

I have been notified that the Indians will not be further required - but as the annuity was contemplated to be paid during the late Council. the Indians have stated to the Commissioners that they (as their families are with them)

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wish for a further supply of provisions, and are with to depart before they are paid.

As the Commissioners have stated their Council to be at an end - I do not feel myself authorized to announce my expectations on the Commissioner at this Post for further supplies -

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
Levi S. Allen
Major of Genl.

Sunday Sept 30. 1838

Genl Abstracts of all claims from this per the year. made out for the Dept & forwarded to Gov. Dodge - for the office of Indian Affairs -

The Steam Boat will arrive from St Louis with some goods for the Indians. some money & \$110,000 for the half blood Sioux in Specie - Mr P. Hyatt in charge - Capt Scott & Lieut Ruffles join - letters received from General Kearney - Gov. Dodge kept enclosed allotment for this Agency first half year - \$4,000 to pay Sioux for Reservation around Fort Snelling - but the unusual sum of \$1200 of this left at Prans on Chms for Washburn Bank - and unless this be rectified there will be trouble at this Post - our freight boys are truly entitled to the whole sum and will receive no part unless all be paid -

I will write forth with on the subject -

Letters from May Hitchcock relative to the goods & money - my attention is called to his interests in the matter which will be fully & cheerfully given -

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Monday Oct 1st 1838

Busy in forming contracts with Farmers
for the Sioux. Farmers S Denton - Thos
W Pope & Samuel Pond - engaged
I countersigned all the Certificates of Claims
by the half Breed Sioux - before they
can be paid by the Dis Agent -

Capt Lyon cannot get his Boat up to the
usual landing - for low water -
Maj Hitchcock's instructions are very exact
Some little deviations from them or
we could not pay the money to
many absent persons - The Dept will
be satisfied with the former discretion
used by the officials persons at this Post
which will effectually go to aid the
Maj in his views - His promptness deserves
all praise - his responsibility will be
secured also to his full satisfaction
for the paying of the \$110,000 -

Many Indians call on me during this day

Tuesday 2^d Oct -

Hundred Mr Saml Pond a copy of his Contract
as Farmer for two seasons of Lake Calhoun
I have been extremely busy all this day - for other
people - besides signing Certificates on half
Breed Claims -

Col S.C. Stambaugh has become trustee for \$3750
in \$750. & 500 Claims for certain Children
2 - Joseph Montross - Thos Monzard
Mr John Campbell & others His number

I countersigned his paper - but gave an official
Statement to the Disbursing Officer saying
if he got the money - so large an amount
He should give satisfactory security
to the Claimants therefore or not have
it - I regret I countersigned the Certificate

Spent 40 Rais Pot & 40 flour to the
Band of the Sioux Village -

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Wednesday 3^d Oct -

I drew \$1750 on account of Claims of Half Breed
viz. M S Salomon - Mary Eastman and
Elizabeth Williams - as trustees - for the faithful
disposition of which sum I shall solemnly
enter into Bond & Security & deposit the same
in the County Court of Crawford Wisconsin -

The Commissioners held their last interview with
670 Sioux at the Agency this day -

They explained to the Agents that they have completed
the duties assigned them by the President -
The debts of the traders \$250,000 - had been
liquidated with - the sum set apart in their
treaty - \$90,000 - & receipts in full taken up
up to Sept 29th 1837 - of all creditors -

The sum of \$110,000 had also as given by them
paid to their half breed relations -

They explained that they were requested to ask
if they recognized the Claims for horses
lost & lost by President's men
for killing - The Indians allowing
any thing - that if the Claimants could
show someone one man who had
killed their property they would admit
the whole - & then their Great Father might
settle it -

The Indians Chiefs & Braves - spoke in several an-
nouncements of the Credit of some of the
traders - whom accounts they said ran so
far back that not one cent thereof had
been allowed -

They had borrowed large sums of their paid
to traders & half breeds & when they asked
for their accounts - they were told it had
not arrived - this was to them inexplicable
they could not account for it - & of course
their people felt displeased & dissatisfied

I informed the Indians that - a part of the money
for this reservation - a part of their goods
& a part of their provisions had arrived
in a few days we expected the
balance thereof soon certainly on the way
The water was low - which retarded their coming up

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The Comd. spoke to the head & endeavored
to explain the knotty points. It was
demanded that the \$10,000 in specie to be paid
annually forever - would be paid next
June or July - one year from the ratification
of the treaty. -

They let them all in a flame & here all the
braves rose & came forward - one

The Bado Hala or Hail - Said - This was
the worst of all - They had heard that
a part of their annuity would be held back
but they were now prepared to hear it from
the Commissioners - The words of some men
had then become true - Truly after all that
had been said at Washington - They would
not be cheated out of any part of their
annuity &c -

They have spoken of \$4,000. why not put
this sum also on the great pile of silver
which came up & give that to the traders
also. It seemed that every body could
be served before them - as for the half
braves they had nothing to say this was
right - but the traders - they had a right
to know more of what had been done
as it was possible if there was a surplus
over paying their past debts they should
have it paid over to them &c -

Here the Comd. explained that no money
had come for the traders - their great
father had it in Washington

This seemed to satisfy them to a great extent

I explained the situation of things exactly
and said I would see all things fulfilled
as far as practicable this fall - If we could
not get all this fall - it would be the fault
of the River & the faults of men as every
excuse had been made & was making to
get the goods & provisions on

Here the Council closed

Spent 670 R.R. & 670 \$ flour

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Thursday Oct 4th 1838

A large number of Indians at the Agency -
Rode or list of names & families making
out to prevent being cheated as to numbers.

Great excitement among the Indians this day as to the
distribution of the \$4,000 - what with the
jealousy of the Indians - excited by idle & ill
judged remarks of the traders some of them &
want of judgment & knowledge of facts
by Mr Newell & some others who speak
Lima - I feared for the peace of the Post
this day -

The chiefs & Braves were called in & I told them
flatly & plainly that as \$1200 of the money
to pay them had been left below - I would as
soon as the goods (balance of them) arrived
I would advance the 1200 myself to the Dis-
Agent - & see the \$4,000 paid to them

This afternoon settled the point & I hope a few days
may bring all the balance of their provisions &c
Steam ship returned from the River -

Letters sent - 2 to for doc. Certificates of
all Licenses granted for the year - and all
contracts with Farmers for Indians - 3 & copy
of 1833 Wagon contract as Physicians -
Letters of applications for confirmation of their homesteads

Friday 5th

Arrived - Starts for St. Louis - The Commissioners - L. J. Pease
& W. L. D. Ewing - report for the House - & Col. Spang
the Secretary to the Board per his -

Mr. Plympton & family leave for the East - a number
of passengers. Thompson & others leave -

The Chiefs & Head men call a Special Council with the
Comd. Officer May Plympton & the Agent at the Office
The \$4,000 paid money - which we settled according
to the proper understanding of the last unpaid
also as to non payment of \$10,000 this year - but to commit
next spring & to be paid interest forever -
\$10,000 in goods - half here the balance expected -
\$5,000 in provisions a part here balance day by supplied
Blacksmiths farms &c bulley & plain cattle &c.

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The Chiefs of Red Wings Band admitted they had
no right to any part of the \$4000 for the
Reservation at this Post - & paying for logs
of timber & wood contiguous -
So of course Wahshon Band would be excluded
as is proper. This band having no claim -
The Indians could not fight among themselves
on this & other accounts - but all was finally
arranged -
Paid 370 Rats. Pork & 370 Pounds flour -

Saturday 6th Oct 1838.

Maresquah Menzies called at the office - a
Council to be held with Wahshon Band
& Red Wings Band on the location of their
shop near James Encampment - circumstances
between the Bands -

Handed out to Red Wings Band 196 Rats 196 lbs flour
Wahshon Band also 125 " 125 "

To other Indians passing - 50 " 50 -
These people return home with their families -
as all their annuities are not in hand -

If a Boat be met with the balance the Chiefs return
to this Post for payment -

The lower Bands propose to divide & get a show of what
goods & provisions are now present & let them go
as they leave a long way off - stated their destitute
condition - which seems ending -

I feel the force of this reasoning - but as yet I have no
control over the annuity - & to state -

I said - my friends - I am not at liberty to break bulk until
the arrival of your provisions arrive
which we wait for in 10 or 12 days at most
I perceive your situation & feel for it - yet I
must ask you to wait - or learn a few more
men or if you want the 5 Boats on the River return
& you will be paid as usual -

As to the \$4000 dollars that seems settled and it will
be paid here - you get \$600 left at the Band

The Chief of Wahshon Band said - He heard from the
Commissioners of the \$600 & that there was more
if they failed to get it - that it was my fault
if the Com. did say to them - did not know what they
were talking about & was wrong in saying
one word even of the subject -

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but I am disposed to believe this in their Council came
from some other source (a conspiracy) and to disprove
the Bands with me - Some of these intermeddling
rascals with the affairs of the government and the
Indian ought to have their tongues cut out -
I hope to be enabled to make an example before the Indians
some day - of some one of the many rascals who
busy themselves with things not within their province.
The Chiefs spoke in Smiths Annals on the Council
of our Com. Ewing - they said he did not do his
duty to them - He was drinking with the Traders
and they saw by his actions here & accept the River
that all was not right. The Traders turned him
around any way - & got all they wanted to the
prejudice of their people & connections -

Sunday 7th

Heavy white frost this morning - and the weather
changed from warm to cold - The Indians
are exceedingly alarmed for the absence of
their annuity - no wonder they are naked
and the Traders find no credit -

I have had all the Chief & head men to call at the Office
this day - I am unable to locate their Black Smith below
Lake Pepin as speedily as possible - I sent for O. Cates
& engaged him to abandon his Contract under Treaty of
July 15. 1830. & accept under Treaty of Sept 27 1837
the situation of Smith for lower town to erect his shop &
house near the residence of Augustus Roeynd below
Lake Pepin - Central for the two Bands -

Monday 8th

Passports granted J. B. Bourke & others to pass from
the British Settlement on Red River of Missouri Bay
to the interior of the United States for families.
The Indians beg for more provisions - having spent more
than 10,000 rations from the public stores - no more
can be issued in safety to the Troops - So says the
Commanding Officer May Plympton - He is the best
judge -

In the payment of the \$110,000 to the Half Bands
Joseph Allen traveller for Eng. lost his allotment of
\$1000 - His papers were signed & witnessed, and
some hands found to check of his Box & as

Kindly returned him of the persons of supporting a poor & helpless family - The clubbing officer is clear of all blame - as the money was after being duly receipted for - paid over - The room was full of persons - Joseph Pennell Senr. was then being paid a large sum, and in the confusion - poor Neentaville came out minus -

The Wahpaakoota Chieft. - Tah sauga - Skushkah nah & Wah made Sappah - with their people called at the office -

I said - My Father - we called over to see you to see what you had to say to us - our friends the Medawakautans went on to Washington & made a Treaty - I was on also - I expected to come back with presents to my people - but did not see what they got -

We decided our annuity with them of 1830 - but our friends here disposed to keep what they got - If this be the case I told you this Spring that I wished all our annuity to be paid as you see our situation - we know not what to do or when to look for assistance

Wah made Sappah said
My Father - I have heard the words of Tah sauga - I feel assured that it is your aim to befriend us - we have received benefits from you - we know your heart - that you feel sorry for our situation - I trust all to you & hope our friends will look upon us as we did on them & D & D -

The Indians of Lac qui parle. the Wahpaakoota Scouts called here 15 of them at the Agency - on the same evening -

I explained that the Wahpaakoota - Wahpaakoota & Suspectors who went on with me to Washington went on business relation to peace with the Sacs & Foxes - not to sell land - This it was proposed to them - \$1000 in presents was given

It was different with the Medawakautans - they sold lands 500000 of acres - & what they bought back \$6000 - was for a part of their land & not presents

I had also to say to my friends the Wahpaakoota

that by the Treaty of July 15th 1830 the Medawakautans sold a part of the Indian grounds as far as the Forks of Red Cedar & the Washpaakoota & South Suspectors to the 2^d or upper Forks of the River Des Moines & of course had a claim to a part of the annuity under that Treaty -

\$600 dollars of which was now paid to Washpaakoota & 900 - to the upper Medawakautans & Suspectors & 500 to the Wahpaakootas

\$2000 - \$700 for distribution to all, & one fourth - This was all as stated by me & had been regularly paid for the last 7 years to the claimants -

What the Medawakautans will do I know not - I cannot do anything without their consent -

But so far as \$700 per I am satisfied they will give you of that sum of the Treaty of 1830 -

I cannot answer for the Red Wings Band or any other except the 5 Bands near me - They will do what is right if they are not prejudiced by you -

The Big Thunder - a Med. Chief rose & said -

My Father - you are right let things take their course - we are all relations & one people

Our Brains must settle this matter - I cannot say to our friends what I shall do - Our Ancestors have not come - it is their energy to act - when they come to hand

I wrote a Bill - of Articles - for the Bands of Indians to Mr. H. H. Seely - for which I persuaded him to be returned on the arrival of the Boat with the Indian Ancestors -

Ver. One 50 lbs of Powder & 100 lbs Lead to each Band as follows -

1. Washpaakoota Band	50 lbs Powder	100 lbs Lead
2. Big Thunder do	50 do	do do
3. Mottahah lak lak	50 do	do do do
4. Tah chunk was ta	50 do	do do do
5. Seven Villages	50 do	do do do
6. Red Wings Village	50 do	do do do
7. Lake Calhoun	50 do	do do do

We have no provisions 10,000 Indians having been paid & the Indians 35 days waiting & no annuities yet - to keep them from starving I am induced to ask the paying loan - in their present distress & uncertainty

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St. Peter Tuesday 9th Oct 1838

The Indians came to give a full census of all the men women & children in the respective bands of Madawaskanton Sioux only 1400 made up to this day. There may yet be 60 or 70 more. Wabashas Bands handed in their list as made out by the Rev Daniel Gann. Total 209 souls. Some families not in dispute between the Clans each trying to swell their numbers - in this I find considerable precaution to be required on the part of the Agent to prevent a recurrence of the same names in several releases. Mr D B Bourke, & Lajos. Recy and others departed for Red River of Hudson Bay - No news of a Steam Boat -

Wednesday 10th

I order the Treaty Smith to do all the work required for Wabashas Band & for Red Camps Band while their people are present. A private letter addressed to C A Benis Esq. Ind. Affairs - touching affairs of this Agency. A letter to Mrs Salis from New in Bedford - Indians are suffering

Thursday 11th

Cold & very disagreeable weather - I carried the Indians flock to the Agency - a good day would find them at their own homes - The lower Bands Wabashas & Red Camps are starving deliver 18 bushels of their corn to Red Camp Band 12 do to Wabashas Band to be deducted from what may be due them at payment. Snow fell for a few minutes this day - To my surprise I learnt in looking over the papers sent up by Mr Pfyter - now in the hands of Lieut Whitehorse - that the \$10,000 in goods had been sent up in the Fall - I had been told positively that but \$5000 of this amount had come & the Indians have been waiting 15 or 20 days for payment - In looking over the Bills I find a miserable assortment - very little of service as to quantity or quality to them - I do not know when I have suffered so much vexation & real mortification

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not 100 furs have come this I estimated for \$2500 worth Blankets - Shouding, Powder Leads Tobacco - Kettles knives flints & Vermillions - what the Indians will say to this I fear to think of it - It is laid on me as I must bear the blame - we shall see in 24 hours - I hope the payment of \$4000 in cash may aid us in getting off the back sent from St Louis - what the Indians are to do for furs Kettles & Blankets is hard to say - Their traders find no outlets - I find myself the most worried & unfortunate public Agent under the government - If I had made no Estimate last year - I should have been silent -

Friday 12th

The Dis Agent Lieut Whitehorse & the Agent walked a shop to St Louis here to look over the goods brought up by the Fall & found the Bill of \$10,000 complete for the same except 300 lbs of that - we determine to offer the goods to the Indians such as they are on tomorrow - were it not cold weather - they would regret the price of not the whole and - as not suitable estimated for nor suited to their wants - Lyden Jackson & Co's Bill is scandalous in the whole as well as in the price of his goods - The greater part are higher by wholesale than are retailed at even in this country - we pay the \$4000 for the Reservation Nublogy around Fort Snelling - also on tomorrow should the goods be received & the weather permitting -

The Rev. Mr Bronson of the Methodist Church & who founded a Mission for the Little Crow Band of Sioux is reported to have written a letter - which was published in the Galena Gazette & Advertiser - making extravagant statements of the hostility of Big Thunder Band The Chippewa affair of the 3rd of August - Mr Knapp says - said we felt sorry that he (Mr B) had written such a letter - & he did not know what the old man could have been thinking about - to have written such a one - it was only creating unnecessary excitement in the public mind

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St. Peters Agency Saturday Oct 13th 1838

The Seven Bands of Medawakantons Sioux met by appointment at the Am Fort Garry Post - May Plympton Comr. Lewis Whitthornes Des Agent and the Agent (Maj Tabapemo) witness by Mr Sibley Agent of the Am F Gp. who was so kind as to frame the statement for the Bands - we put the various questions to the Chiefs - & they agreed reluctantly to receive the goods \$10,000 -

I called the Chiefs into the office and they signed the accounts & receipts for the amount in Bull - which releases the Government

The Chiefs asked to have \$2,000 in specie added to the 10,000 specie stock annually for next year - Taking this sum from the amt of \$5,500 for provisions - leaving \$3,500 hereafter for purchase of supplies of provisions

The Chiefs complained that their goods were not as all as expected & they had before that the Regt. made by their Agent last October, and awarded to the Comd of Indian Affairs - would have been filled at St Louis - in Guns - Blankets, Thomas, Kettles - Powder, Lead Tobacco, flints Knives Throat Calico - Acorn shells - these are the main & only articles which the Sioux require -

Fine cloth & Casimere - Shawls - handkerchiefs - Breads many other useful things - do not suit our people - we wish rough & strong clothes to hunt through the woods & bushes - we are not like white people - who have had letters to do have them to wear fine clothes - we also see Jack Knives - fine Steels - our Smith makes them things for us - we receive the goods but if we could do better we would not take them -

We depend on our Father the Agent who has long been with us - we also ask our Brother May Plympton to join him in remonstrating against throwing away our money in what we do not want we have been kept winter out of our country & settlements & one half wild with us full of this war perhaps next year - we rely on you both to represent our feelings and determination - we have not been well treated yet we will listen to our Father still -

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The \$4,000 for the Reservations around Fort Snelling as much as the Post requires - will be paid to the five Bands entitled to receive it on Monday the 15th inst at the Agency office -

On Tomorrow Sunday I deliver the corn to all - I found the Indians generally better disposed after the delivery of the goods than was anticipated - believed or expected by the whites generally -
The Chiefs gave Moosemonee Sen (father dead of the Delogation) \$125.00

Sunday 14th

In explanation of the present given yesterday to the Sen of the late War Chief Moosemonee - I remark that his Father belonged to the late delegation to Washington - an old & highly esteemed man of the Wahpeton Tribe of the Little Rapids on the St. Peters - & chief of the Snake Pox in the early part of September - He was a warm friend of the Agent - who was instrumental in saving his life on his return from the first Council of Peace at Chippewa in 1825 - He laid four weeks very ill at the Agency -

At the Office of the Comd Officer this morning - when Major Plympton observed "Although the Chiefs of the two lower bands - relinquished in my presence their claims if any to the \$4,000 to be paid for the Reservations at this Post - I would take it from under their hands in presence of witnesses - this would the better satisfy Major Hatchcock - as a part \$1200 was reserved for washburn by him - expecting they had some title to a portion - I would do this - as it would the mouths of such men as Rotelle & Doorman - Stambaugh - it is reported was seeking your place - while the Commissioner was here - nothing can improve your it is true - but it is best to have the documentary evidence in addition to the expurgated account of the parties -

I thank the Major for his view of the subject & should before the money was paid - have the whole of the Indians present & let the two lower Bands officially renounce - what had been before verbally stated in all former Councils with them - & the five contiguous Villages - at the Agency in the course of the last fifteen days -

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 It being very cold & some Snow this day the General
 Bureau do not call for the 600 Bushels of Corn now
 stored in the Agency Cornual House -
 This day has been unpleasant throughout Snow - strong
 winds and Rain the first for some weeks. The River very
 low. & the fall rise retarded beyond & former year. -

Our Mail has not arrived from below Lake Pepin
 Antoine Pepin & his son were to see me this day on the
 subject of claims as Smith for the Sioux. They wish to go
 any where but the Foot of Lake Pepin -
 Having Oliver Anasco - as Smith under the Treaty of 1837 &
 Oliver Cate - as do. under the Treaty of 1830. There remains
 but the Vacancy for the two lower Bands. -
 Not a day seems to pass but I get a hint from some
 of my Military friends that Samuel G. Stambaugh
 is endeavoring to supplant me in my office -
 Let him know his fingers lay I. which he is sure to do
 should he have the opportunity to apply. This man of
 general notoriety happens to stand not only low
 at the Dept - but equally so with all honorable men -
 I furnished the Dept last fall with evidence sufficient
 in his own hands writing to fully develop his supposed
 insidious and shallow hearted designs -

Monday Oct 15th 1838.

One hundred & Sixty four Bushels of Corn -
 1. 82 to Wahshos Band -
 2. 82 to Rock Camps Band } Part of Provision
 3. 96 Little Crow Band } for 1838 -
 4. 65 Black Dog Band
 5. 70 Good Roads Band
 6. 210 To Sixes Village
 7. 85 To Lake Cathoon

The Lake Pepin Bands of Sioux call & leave a
 note - which is returned by the Agent & Interpreter
 for Six hundred dollars - to H. H. Leblay Agent
 of the Am & Coy for that Agent in goods to supply
 deficiencies in the Annuitly goods of this year & to cloth
 their Small Children - which is to be paid out of
 their Annuitly for 1839 - Spec Annuitly of \$10,000 -

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 We the Chiefs, and Heads men of Wahshos and the
 Red wing bands of Medawakanton Sioux - understanding
 the views, and intents of the parties concerned in the Reser-
 vation of lands granted to the United States - and having
 no claims whatever to the same of four thousand dollars
 to be paid therefor this day, and having had no interest
 in the arrangement of this matter at Washington when
 there in 1837 - we therefore relinquish all right and title
 to any portion of the said \$4,000 - freely and without
 reserve to the five contiguous bands of Sioux near
 Fort Snelling. They being alone entitled to receive
 the same - Done as the Agency at St. Peters this 15th day
 of October 1838 -

In presence of
 J. Whitehorn
 Lt. 5th Infy
 Lausaliaferro
 John Guss
 At St. Peters
 J. Campbell

Tah lape Saah his + mark
 Echah ka Row his + mark
 Wah Rootan his + mark
 Marjeah Mohgah his + mark

There was this day paid to the following Bands of
 Sioux \$4,000 - under Treaty of Pelee of 1805. principal
 and interest - for the Agency of as much Land around
 Fort Snelling as the Post may require for public purposes -
 To Big Thunder Band \$850 To Lake Cathoon do \$800
 To Black Dog Band 600 To Sixes Village 1,050
 To Penetons Band 700
 18.50
 Paid by Lt. Whitehorn 2150
 Dis agent 3
 Total Alld \$4,000

This sum settles all differences in relation to the
 Land and the use of fire wood & timber destroyed
 by the troops & even the traders -
 The Indians of course have now no just cause of complaint
 against the United States on this score -
 Waleh Thadok's Son died this day. had a Coffin made
 and furnished grave clothes & so

St. Peters Agency Tuesday Oct 16th 1838

Watts Sheelah. Recives the Coffin & buries his son -

Wabesha Bands called at the office & said - "we hope you will do the best you can for us for the next year. This fall we know you cannot accomplish all our business -

We have every confidence in you & when we were at Washington after our treaty was concluded we understood we were to return to your care -

When we came up here with our people we found it was different from our expectations & for this we felt ashamed. We expected all our people to be together -

The Agent replies -

My friends as your intent is the same with the other Six Villages of Medawakanton & are parties to the same Treaty - I know that for this reason as well as your own convenience - that the next year will find you & your people reattached to this Agency -

It would as things now stand & will progress in the general affairs of the Service of the Lake in relation to them that you should all be together -

I have handed this to the Comd. of Indian Affairs and I have no doubt but that he will comply with your wishes on the subject before next year or early in the winter - You shall know his mind

The Chief & heads men of this Band propose to obtain their Six hundred dollars fund of War Money -

Mrs. S. wrote me a letter at their request - which gave just views - If they for their money at the Peace their people would get whiskey & throw it away & their children would suffer - If peace was they could expend it in such things as would make them comfortable -

I explained to Mrs. S. & gave him no decided opinion but left him ~~settled~~ in the matter as best suited the occasion - This Band not being as yet agreed to this Agency - should be comply with their request however it would be a charity - for it was true as to whiskey - as the Peace - if they went there to be paid it was certain from this could -

I visited the Treaty Shop of 1830 - & also the one just preparing under the Treaty of 1837 - The latter will be in block in four or five days -

I expect to leave on Wednesday the 24th for St. Louis and Washington City - if not on that day on the 1st of November - having completed all the

Annualty payments - of foods & money for the reservation & provisions as far as records under treaty of 1837 - to the Seven Bands of Medawakanton

who have by much pains on my part been rendered satisfied with things - & to be content to await the final issue of the fulfilment of their treaty stipulations till next year in peace & tranquility & to give no trouble -

Things having been so long delayed & having forced to entirely contrary to their expectations all summer that I have had a hard time of it -

What my influence with these people may be is now at last duly seen - felt & appreciated partly by the Military & especially disinterested white persons around the Post

The Chippewas are getting restless on the River as they have been long waiting for the receipt of their Annualty - They are in considerable numbers & standing - as were the Sioux at one time this summer before Crow Season

Wednesday Oct 17th

The Chiefs & head men of the Medawakanton Indians met this day in special Council - Maj Plympton the Commanding officer being present by appointment The Chiefs - spoke at length on the affairs of their people - the arrangements with the Government &c -

When they called on us to have certain Resolutions officially put upon paper for submission to the President -

which was duly recorded examined by the Comd. Officer read to the Chiefs & officially signed by us -

They ask for only \$3,500 in provisions - & balance \$2,000 to be paid in specie of the \$5,000 - & \$10,000 in goods

\$10,000 in specie - They also ask for the \$5,000 reserved by the President to be applied under his direction for benevolent objects - such as may be useful to the Indians All their requests except the \$5,000 in stock funds might be complied with - Mr. J. S. Nicolas &

arrived at this Post - Their 2^d expedition in
the Sioux Country west - He called at the Agency
and paid the money with me -
He has been successful & meets St. Francis at the
Foot of Lake Pepin in four days -

I called at the Smiths Shop & found one
in case of my absence -

The Shop at this Post under Treaty of 1837 is in Alaska
This enables all the Indians to be supplied & work
prepared & sent down to the lower Indians as it
is found to be too late to erect a Shop for the
lower Sioux & hence a House for the Smiths -

The Shop will be put up this winter & the House as
far as practicable but no contract with the Smiths

Thursday Oct 18th

Snow fell four inches - last night & every appearance
of an early and long cold winter -

Mr. Nesbit asked all the news - He had heard of the
course of the Commissioners & of St. Francis
& of the disposition to trade and supply the
Agency - He said "I told you this last year -
You are too good a friend to the Indians, &
you stick too close to the intention of the Government
to suit the times - You stand disavowedly high
with the Government & your Indians love
you - Dealers & speculators will try to ruin
your fair friend - You know I like you
this - therefore what I have heard since my
return to this Post has not surprised me -

"However let them do - I shall speak truth & facts to the face of
war. Mr. Poinsett - you have to deal with Mr.
Harris - I have to do with Mr. Poinsett -"

"You need fear nothing they will sustain
and support you" -

This day the Indians thought me much as to credit
& a disposition to trade for goods upon
the strength of their next years annuity -
I gave them my advice on this subject - as follows -

"You have been pretty well supplied this fall - If
you begin on your next years annuity you will
make but painful calculations of the price &

Many of your people will be destitute - This when you
come to receive your next years money - & your people
expect to touch it - when it will be withdrawn from
your hands by your traders - This fact will disappoint
your young men who look for their share -

You had better think well before you act in such
a matter - I know you better than you know
yourself -

Note

Mr. Perry came to the Post & states that as the lower
Bands of Sioux were returning from their annuity
payment the on the 17th the ~~Chippewa~~ called Wabashas
attacked her cattle in presence of herself below the
Stone Camp 3 1/2 or 4 miles from the Fort & killed 3 &
wounded the 4th all from mischief - as they left
the cattle & returned down the River without touching
any of the meat - This looks bad & persons going
on to the recently ceded territory are likely for a time
& until the Indians become accustomed to their presence
to receive injury - from a certain jealous feeling after
disposing of their lands - The witness the rapidity
of improvements & the accumulations of property
on lands so recently theirs that they seem ill disposed
to realize the depredations of their hunting grounds -
we are to have in a year or two more serious trouble

Friday Oct 19th 1838

The weather still cold freezing & some falling
of snow & occasional rain -

The old Chief Mosomom who died last month & was
on the Delegation to Washington - his wife
called to see me this day in much distress
with two children - Having no goods to give
I could only present her with five dollars
to buy food articles for her young ones -

I have no public property at this date on hand

Charles Perry called to say the Sioux supplied the
Crows Run. had on Wednesday killed - 2 Cows one 3
old Steers next spring - One calf taken off - one pig -
for his Father & Mother below the cave -
I found this evening that the Indians who

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Killer Perry's cattle was one or two Indians from
each of the lower Sioux bands - 2 from
Blue wings & 3 of Wahshas people -
The latter here to pay 200 dollars for the offer
out of their next years annuity -

The Mail arrived this evening - with Letters
Orders &c.

There is a Steam Boat reported to be a few
miles below this Post. bound up - This gives
news by the Mail as it affords me a fine
opportunity to be off for St. Louis - having
completed all my business nearly - and the
Indians moving off for the winter -

A letter from Gov Dodge - desires me not to
avail myself of the further grant
from the 15th of October - but to remain
at my Station until the funds money -
Letter was paid to the Indians -

This has been effected - The funds \$4,000 in
money & 600 bushels of corn all that has come
has been disposed of

There remains the Flour & Pork to give out
should it arrive in the expected Boat
below - with the Chippewa goods - this
will be attended to also in proper season

I have fully determined not to quit my Post
until all Treaty stipulations have been fairly
fulfilled with my Indians - as long as
there was doubt or danger - I have held to
my Post - I know my duty & will perform
it - at all times & in all situations -

One other Letter from Gov Dodge acknowledges
the receipt of all my Annual reports for the
year - School - Pupils - Returns Abstracts
& Shaws &c &c

A letter from Col R. M. Johnson enclosing
order from C. A. Harris Esq. Comd. the officers
no finer to send down & Chippewa to Academy

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Sent Whitehorn at the Agency until 9 o'clock
P.M. conveying an official message - & the course of
the late U.S. Commissioner - the Trustee Ship of
S. C. Stambaugh - for \$5,750 for certain half
Breeds - this without Bonds or Habilitations of any
kind to them - more of this same day -
I objected to this arrangement - & the Commissioners
were determined to place the funds in his hands
right or wrong - when they were told it would
be wrong to do so -

Saturday Oct 20th

Letters to Gov Dodge - 1st enclosing Certificates with
Oliver Russee. & Lancher, Charles Black Smith
nominating them to the Dept -

Requirements for the year 1839 for Treaty stipulations
for the Sioux for Treaty of Sept 29. 1837 -

2^d. Letter relative to location of Shop below the
Lake Pepin -

And Enclosing Remarks & Decisions of the Chiefs
as annuity pay may Oct 17th 1838 -
The Gibsey Steamer is that Boat coming up - She had to
discharge a considerable lot of her cargo at the
Entry of the River St. Louis - She may arrive this day
with the balance - Flour Corn & Pork on board for
the Sioux to complete the issue of \$5500 and then
as far as practicable.

From delivered
A cattle Treaty made 1836. 4 Bors here & day files -
1. Broad. 2 Bors here
11 Bors here - one also
1. Small Saw -

B Russeeo. Treaty made 1837. 4 Bors Bar here

Remains
4 Chains Rod here
8 day files of rods
12. German Stute
12. Corn Stute
4 Blump Plair
2 wire - 4 Stute here

4 day loose files
1/2 small saw
1/2 do do
4 Bors here
11. Bors Rod here
2 Chain R here
1/2 Bors

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Wah made Moc moko. a Wah paakorta was
found at the agency and he carried
a Box of Duck Silver - which was found
in the Road on the River - I readily suppose
that it belonged to Mr. J. N. Nichols who had
supposed this would return to the Post last
week & thus it must belong to his associates
& I sent for it

I detained it & wrote a note by the Mailman to Mr
N. who is at present at Mr. Schiller's -
Mr. Joseph Lafontaine calling in to say on official
business to his Annual License -
I handed the wooden Box to him to take
across the River to Mr. S. - for Mr. N.

St. Peters Sunday 21. Oct 1838

	Bls Flour	Bush corn	Bls Pot	Bls Salt	Amount Dollr Cts
1 Tah Tapa Saah	65	132	2	4	Part of amt of \$5500-
2 Macfarlane Marygah	63	132	2	4	
3 Mahon Chumtah	80	161	3	3	
4 Mahgah hah Tah	45	105	2	3	Balance \$1500 & over
5 Tah Chumk wooktah	30	115	2	3	For
6 Spahoper	110	210	3	5	Next year
7 Moc moko	80	145	3	4	1839-

This division was made by me this day for the
guidance of Mr. J. N. Nichols in the year to the Bank
The Gipsy Steamer arriving this day - brings up all
the Chippewa goods - The \$4750 is ready
now for them also their Provisions -
I advised Mr. Van Dyke agent for the Chippewas
to charter the Gipsy (as the season was late
& cold) to take the stores at almost any
price to the River of Lake St. Croix - if no
further & collect the outstanding Chippewa
accounts pay them by all means their goods
and money before the Ice makes - which
10 days more may bring about - & prevent

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Thereafter the fulfilment of the Treaty stipulations with
them until this year - which would prove
unusually severe upon the Chippewas & extremely
injurious to the Government - & the Country -
I addressed a note to Mr. R. A. Bronson asking if he
had in his possession the paper containing the
Communication he made & caused to be published
touching the occurrences in the forepart of August
relating to the Sioux & Chippewa Treaty - at this
Post also as to supposed or suspected opinions
on the views & feelings of the Sioux of this
Agency at & after those periods -
as his Communication had excited considerable interest
& observation on its contents by some who had
read it as well as by others who had not -
I sent James Thompson this evening at 7 o'clock
to the S. Boat ferry with my note to the
Rev. gentlemen.

His Mr. Bronson reply came & it was - that "he had
the paper when he left St. Louis - but he could
not find it now - but when or if found
he would send it with pleasure."

A large number of Canadians got drunk at the Gipsy
Steamer. & fought a Royal Battle on the
St. Peters - like so many wolves - Indians
looking on & amusing themselves -

Monday 22. Oct
The Steamer Gipsy leaves for "Tour de pin" 2 1/2 miles
below for the Balance of provisions for yesterday
or the night before the last as a Sane Bar
When she returns the Indians will receive their
Flour, Pork, Corn, and Salt - weather cold
and threatening snow again -

Tremendous job - Hauling 5, or 600 Barrels of Flour, Pork
Salt, & Corn - from the Fort Landing up a
long Hill, & through deep sands to the Agency -
\$35 - price B. F. Baker - for supply of Nancy Eastman
\$22 - price Rev. J. D. Shaw Board of Trustees of N. Eastman
\$57 - advance as her Trustee - \$35 for Elizabeth Williams
to B. F. Baker -

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The Chief Shakspe sold 3 B^{rs} of flour for \$20-
The good Road Chief - 2 for \$20. both to J.B. Farnham
I advised the Chiefs to store their provisions & sell none
as they would want it before the Spring -

We are consulting on the ways & means to get the
Steam Boat to go on the St. Lawrence for the Autumn
for the Chippewas - as no transportation can be had
at this Port - we thought pay almost any price
to tempt the St. Boat Gipsy to run up the Lake -

If it were my case & similarly situation
would so much depending on the fulfilment
of the Treaty with them - I would charter
a Boat at \$500 even -

Tuesday 23rd Oct 1838 -

We (Supt. Whitcomb & his agent) made distribution of
the Flour Port Salt & Corn to the heads of villages under
the Treaty of Sept 29th 1837. The Steamer Gipsy arrived at
1 o'clock PM with the remainder of the provisions - & also all
which came from the Chippewas - finishing in full
all my duties under Treaty stipulations as far as regards
this fall & up to this date - It was proposed by Mr
McClure Vintager to charter the Boat to go up the Lake
St. Lawrence - & succeeded at \$400 - much more being de-
manded for the service as the season was far advanced
& the weather cold - I approved of the charter - & would
have given so much as a much higher price as it is
impossible to satisfy the Chippewas -

The Boat is accordingly loaded for the River -

The Sours of Lake Pepin & Wabash Bands
are made to pay \$10. Barrels of flour for killing
4 heads of cattle from Mrs. Perry near Fort Snelling
this for an example & to Chief Lake Abans & his party.

I also agreed to have \$118 Barrels & 40 Sacks
shipped to the two lower bands - 10 Barrels of flour were
for \$100 to pay the freight on their provisions which
the Boat is to drop at the Mesquies at Lake Pepin
& at Wahkoota below Lake Pepin for Wabash
Bands - Provisions & men taken on board to put
up a Shop for the Lower Sioux near Brown
at or near the "Grand Encampment" -

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Wednesday 24 Oct 1838

I turned over the keys of the Agency to May Plympton
& a letter & memorandum of the conduct of
the office & Establishment generally -
I then left in the Gipsy Steamer for the St. Lawrence to see
the Chippewas & aid the Agent in any matter which
would be calculated to facilitate him in his
payment of his people - Mr Baylis Special Agent
took the money in charge for payments - foods &
other stores for the Indians now on the St. Lawrence.
Left St. Louis early but we only proceeded 7 or 8 miles
when the women blew so violently as to preclude
all progress impossible from among or out of the
many sand bars in the River. Remains this
night in tedious suspense -

I paid \$280 to the Gipsy Steamer - I could not owe so much -

Thursday 25th

The lower kept as until a late hour this morning
at our mooring - at length we started - Flo as
thore then as the "Lower Mesquies" at Little Crow
Village - Th. Rev. Mr. Benson.

This is one of my agricultural establishments for the
Lower - Thomas W. Pope farmer -
we procured to the "Pine River" being those of Provisions
we got 3 B^{rs} of Beef from Mr. H. Moores -
Evening we are on sand bars near the entry of the
Lower River -

Passengers - to the House - Mr. McVergard Agent
Doct. J. D. B. Wright U.S.A. under orders for St. Louis.
Mr. Baylis - Special Agent - Messrs. Fox & others
of the Am & Cpy - Rev. Mr. Benson - Quinn Interpreter
Mr. McCord - Mr. Beliquet of France - & several others

I found several Sioux Indians as the
Pine River one village - old Piankashaw - requested
me not to forget to supply him (a physician) with
certain medicines near Spring - I promised him to
fulfill all he desired - He hoped I would & further
hoped I was not deceiving him & would in the
remember his requests - Explain language - He hoped
I would not lie to him - but do as he requested -
Our Boat grounded in the Mississippi under night
when we got out the St. Lawrence & remained over night at the

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Landing near Mowgun's enclosure - at the entry of
St. Louis - we procured but a few rails for fuel -

Friday 26 Oct 1838 -

We got off this morning about 7 o'clock - heavy fog
in passing up the Lake. The Boat proceeded at the
New Town of Stambouk's village as it is called -
a barren miserable spot - off at 10. got up to the
Head of the Lake. We saw the smoke of the Chippewa
Encampments - at 1/2 past 1. P.M. we are saluted by
a Squad of the most miserable looking objects
in the shape of mortals - we land and are met by
the Chiefs & heads men - comprised of Indians from
Sewan River - Sandy Lake, Mule Lake, Snake River
St. Louis &c &c - much pleased to see us -

I said Mr. Venegas with his accounts books
&c &c - A number of white persons met us - who
are residing at the Falls of St. Louis -

I procured a Bark Canoe & two paddles for \$10.
of a Chippewa Indian - for my own use - there is no
boone to be had anywhere on Lake St. Louis. The whole
Coast looks as a barren waste of hills - no fertile spots
this Lake from 32 to 36 miles long - & one & one-half
miles wide - in fact it is no Lake only the River
free of Islands - we pass the night after Landing
freight for the Chippewas - \$450 paid by Requisition
on Major ~~Edw~~ Hatcher - The Chippewa Chiefs
generally came to him the forenoon &c.

St. Louis Saturday Oct 27th

At 6 o'clock A.M. we make Steam & bid our Chippewa
& other friends farewell and pass down Lake
St. Louis bound with Stems for Red Wing and
Wabasha's Bands of Sioux above & below Lake
Pepin - after procuring some rails at a House at
the Entry of the River or Lake St. Louis - we left
for the Village & Chippewa of the Red Wing -

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Band of Sioux where we arrived at 4 o'clock P.M.
& discharged 55 Barrels flour & Bombs Salt 2 of Pork
and 20 twenty Sacks of Corn the proportions are the
same - I went the River Mr. Benton & family and
explain to him the amount of provisions & for what -
The Chiefs Wahkoota & Masepeahabegah
and near 200 of their people present -

After landing the articles named & delivering the
same to the Chiefs - our Boat put off to pass
Lake Pepin for Wahkoota at the Foot of the Lake where
I am to deliver provisions to Wabasha's Band -

Though Lake Pepin at 1/2 past 9 P.M.
Land near Wahkoota at Rockport. the Provisions for
Wabasha's Band -

Corn 20 Sacks Flour 55 Barrels
Salt 5 do
Pork 2 do

Delivered 11. night 62 Barrels to J. Campbell for
this completes the delivery to all the Bands -
deducting 12 Barrels for freight sanctioned
by the Indians -

10 Barrels deducted at St. Peter to pay Mrs. Perry
for 4 heads of Cattle killed by Red Wings Band
2 Barrels of Pork & 2 of flour delivered for him
to Mr. Brown who is then to erect a Smith's Shop
& House for Lower Sioux - I select the spot
for both -

Sunday - 28th

After selecting a spot 2 1/2 miles below Lake Pepin for the
residence of the Smith & his apartment - I went but
above the "Grande Encampment" & sent Mr. Brown
to work - leaving provisions &c for him - and
selecting a piece of land of the Half Breed Land
at & on the "Grande Encampment" in sight of my
daughter - Mary L. now at the Chippewa School
at Lake Horrib near Fort Snelling - & also placing
the Indian provisions delivered to the Lower
Sioux in charge of the two Mr. Campbells - The
Steam Boat left for Pease Lake -
Below the "Mountain in the Water" we saw
Mr. Nicolet with his Scientific exploring party
in a Barge with 5 men - Mr. Fremont
of Engineers - Mr. Flavelle, Geiger &c
we could not hail or hear a word
with them as I wished -

We proceed to "Plan de la Cays" where we find many on the River difficult to stop with safety we stop for the night - Here I met Indians & inform them that I was just from Lake Pepin and they were given their provisions in the hands of the other Indians of their Band - but were given in care of Mr Campbell until the whole should arrive on their wintering ground that I was on my way to Plan de la Cays & report to for Gov. - The result of all their business -

The Shop on the half breed lands - reasons for consenting to let it be built there &c &c - Chippewas Affairs - & the concerns of the Sioux - Pop. the night in getting wood &c.

Monday Oct 29th 1838.

The Boat comes for the Plans and more - my letters papers &c arranged for delivery at the Plan de la Cays. Some few canoes of Sioux bound up to Lake Pepin -

At 7 o'clock reach Fort Crawford - place my letters & reports in the Post Office for Mr. Excelling Gov. drop - He we find the U.S. Commissioners on Winnebago claims - persons of note - Half Breeds &c - Genl S. Catron & family & General Murray with Mr. Featherstonhaugh as Secretary & his wife take passage with us in the Gipsy - Thos Boyd the Agent called on me and stated that the Commissioners had treated him with no courtesy whatever - & had not properly ascertained their duty on the half breed claims - Funds not being in hand - a Mr. Broad Head of Phila who came on with the Commissioners - had purchased up the Half breed Certificates as a heavy discount & had made some \$30 or \$40,000 out of the ignorant -

I listened to the Agent & in reply - merely asked him if he had obeyed his own instructions fully which he had from the Com. of Indian Affairs - If he had - then would be no difficulty as to himself - The Com. ~~could~~ account for

them selves - He refused to have required official papers in all matters requiring his aid or attention to the on upon the Commission &c - He complained of the Commission for consulting traders & other persons in all matters concerning their mission - & slighting the Agent & paying no courtesy to him whatever &c &c

I must remark to this last charge that such had been the course adopted by one of the Commissioners as my Post under the Seven Years Treaty (Genl Ewing) but that I have still much attention to all calls & have given my influence to forward their business right or wrong - my words have put them to shame & if I might find an opportunity - as the Commissioners alone are responsible for their acts - It would have been best to say nothing but to have discharged his own duty - & then to have addressed the Dept - if expedient afterwards

Tuesday Oct 30 -

We leave for Galena - pass capsules early then Dubuque - & arrive at 7 o'clock P.M. at Galena - He I learn that my friend Porter has been elected Gov. of Penn. Governor by a Majority of 6 or 7000 - some news - Call on the Editor of the Gazette for Mr. Brewster's letter on the Seven & Chippewas affair of the 3rd of August - it could not be found - I wrote from this place to Gov. Briggs enclosing him that I had left the limits of the Agency at St. Peter - on my leave of the 15th of Oct - past - I do not write to Peter at this time

Wednesday Oct 31 -

We leave at 4 o'clock A.M. for St. Louis - here however the Sinking of the "Gov. Briggs" "Pene" - Rolla Science and Palmyra are truly announced - on the Rock River Rapids - we find the Palmyra with Pumps refused & going to raise her - all her passengers are taken the Gipsy our little Boat At Stevenson & Danvers we take 30 papers more which crowds us unpleasantly - on the Rapids we meet the "Ariel" Capt. Lyons bound to St. Louis

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and perhaps not further than Prame du Chien -
This Boat may bring down McNeel's & his
party - whom I hope about Prame du Chien -
Capt. Ly of Harlan & asked me if Robinson at the
B. Crown had heard anything of the \$4,000
in Silver taken out of his Boat & Averys -
The property of H. McNeel. - I replied he had
Not as yet gotten a clue to the Theft. -

We lay all night by the Palmyras - Landing
down the Kiel Boat with Lead -

Thursday Nov. 1st 1838.

We take in Mrs. McArthur. Letter of Gov. Doell
& several other passengers - Mr. Engle
& others - from the Iowa Side -
Arrived at Burlington as night - too late however to call
upon the Governor of Iowa - (Lucas) Saw Mr.
Vanantwerp - Judge Williams & the Secretary
Mr. Conway had left on for Madison the
other for St. Louis on official business. -
I then fell in with persons who informed me that on
Monday last a rencontre in the Street between
Mr. Rhorer & Jacobs in which Mr. Rhorer fell by
a Pistol shot from Rhorer. Mr. Jacobs had
just been introduced a few hours before on
this day -

We have 120 Cabin passengers & no room to sleep -
The Fog prevent us from reaching the
Rapids of Des Moines this night com two -

Friday 2^d Nov.

The "Pavillion" overtakes us this morning in a fog -
& comes too near us - at 10 A.M. we
stop again - but we are stopping every
two or three minutes for the mists which
envelop us. -

We finally reach the Rapids & send the Skel on &
pass down touching the Rocks twice and
land at Keokuk - Not so with the Skel
then stop on the lower chain which
detains us for the night -

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Here I found on board the Pavilion as have been
predicted the \$100,000. sent up to Prame du Chien
by Mr. Hitchcock for the Winnebago half Breed
for the Portion - now returning on the same in
charge of Set. Chickish - The same having been
paid by a Mr. Brewster of Philadelphia -
I anticipate some difficulty in the passage of
this sum into his hands - as he speculated
pretty heavily on the half breeds in the absence
of this funds. - I presume not to say if under
all the circumstances the transactions can be
fully approved - Speculation rages & adventures
are daily taken & the ignorant fooled -

Saturday 3^o

After refitting our Skel - we leave the foot of
the Rapids of Des Moines for St. Louis - full of land
and passengers of every hue & air -
The Pavilions Skel not so for timber - both
on the Rapids. - Some little rain this morning
we finally refit our baggage which have been sent
down on a Keel & leave Keokuk -
I learn by a passenger that Gov. Lucas had made a
request upon J. M. Stuart Indian Agent
to have certain Sac Indians delivered up for
the murder of a gentleman of the Christian
persuasion - who had passed on to the Rock
Cedar of Iowa - either on a visit to the
Indians or with speculation views - The Indians
found him an intruder or rather suspected
him so - & killed him - His family were
at Burlington & \$200 was contributed
to take her home to her friends. -
We pass Warsaw - Tully & other small towns -
above Louisa - and stop for the
night - smoke & fog - dense. -

Sunday 4th

Pop. Louisa - Clarksville This morning
during the night in starting for a ground
& broke the cords of the Safety Valve - which
endangered the lives of over 150 or 200 persons -
Met the Burlington Steamer. Capt. J. Throckmorton a
few miles below Clarksville bound as far as the
Lower Rapids of the Des Moines of the Mississippi

118 122
From the pilot we learn the Ohio to be very low
only 18 inches in the Channel - an over land
trip to Pittsburgh would be denied us. We
are very well & no chance of taking Baggap
in the days that Illinois, Indiana, Ohio & the
Mississippi is at this date extremely low also -
come too as Little Cañon Guis - & remain this
night - as difficult as approaching at the
mouth of the Illinois - The Pavilion over hauled
us & comes too also - some rain

Monday 5th Nov. 1838.

We pass the Illinois River & grafter a small town
leaving off near its mouth - pass Portage des Sioux
& stop a few minutes at Alton. which
seems as a station as to improvements -
The Stone Pipe of the Ladies Cabin looks fine &
and a scene of confusion takes place -
the men run for life - & seeming little thought
of the help of the Ladies - 25 or 30 in
the Ladies Cabin & 100 in the gentlemen do -
we put out the boat & all is over by closing of the
doors & preventing the draught of wind & rain
this was a hard matter as all were pushing
to pass & up -
Pass the confluence of the Missouri at Miss. at 11.00 AM
pass the Science a wreck
Arrive safely at St. Louis at 1. PM - write a letter
to Mr. T. & it goes off on tomorrow to Bedford

Tuesday 6th

Remained over night on board the Gipsy - this
morning hand in my accounts & papers
to Maj E A Hatchercock - also letters and
accounts of Lewis Whitcomb -
No boats from the Ohio & the River before low.

Wednesday 7th

Still in St. Louis & prepared to wait for Boats
from the Ohio. Snow & rain all day
as yesterday -
The River said to be very bad and
several stage accidents on the river
from Louisville to Vincennes -

Thursday Oct. 8th 1838

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Received an order dated Oct 26th from the Com^r
of Indian Affairs. Gen J Houtley Crawford
to report to his Excellency Gov. Robert Lucas
of Iowa Territory - in which Territory is
my Agency situated - this order was expected
news of the Adventure S Boat from the Ohio -
some hundreds passengers waiting

Friday Nov. 9th

Preparing certain papers relation to Treaty stipulations
for 1839. with the Sioux - I hear that the
Commissioners late to leave - W D Ewing, &
S C Stump - have on their way down the
Mississippi at the close of October - & on board
the Angel - connected a tyrant for the eye of
the President - doubtless naming their pink of
morality 566 - to succeed to my Agency - one
word however when I reach the Washington
and thus slight of hand fellows will be
glad to hide their rascality from the indy
nant community -

Saturday 10.

Report officially to Gov Lucas per
his orders & instructions - under the direction
of the Dept of the 26th of October -
Name by being on full length for 2 months
by authority of Gov. David - & my return to
the Agency again - on joining my family -
11th 12th 13th 14th

Remain in St. Louis until this date S. B. Mottan / Mottan
arrives from the Ohio - take my baggage on board
for Louisville - 15

Leave in the Mottan & in two days reach Paducah
then take another Boat & reach Louisville in 4
days - then the Reliance for Wheeling - 5 days -
then in the Beaver for Pittsburg - 1 1/2 days -
then to Bedford where I join my family -

For the year 1839-

Continued after an interval of a few months

April 14th

The Steam Airlift Capt Lyons reached this Post with stores for the Am Fur Co. 20 Barrels of Whiskey were shipped at Plam du Chene by H. L. Bousman of the Am Fur Company for Joseph R. Brown near the Lake St. Croix last winter Mr Brown was at the Plam and brought up himself 4 or 5 Barrels Here begins what was anticipated when the Sioux relinquished their lands to the U States East of the Mississippi.

May 2

The Steam Boat Gipsy - Capt Grey arrived bringing the Rev Mr Gear Chaplain to this Post & his family - Some stores for the Dr Master & others - Letters & papers not sent by this Boat no interest taken at this office in any matter concerning this Post.

May 11th

The Steam Boat Haystack (no mast) arrived at this Post after a passage of 14 days from St Louis - a poor creature - The letters stores in mass brought up - and some articles for the kind men of this Agency - The St Croix Lumber Companies on board with their stores.

15th Sunday -

Considerable rain & the two Rivers on the rise - evening clear the boat discharges her cargo & leaves at night for the Falls of St Croix - with a lot of Clever men destined for the timber lands on the St Croix I was much pleased with the St Croix Lumber Companies - all Eastern men of character and capacity for business - May all success attend their efforts.

1839
Chaplain Gear
& family arrive
I don't like his
abolitionism

Monday 14th

The Chaps & made news of the Sioux began to come in - Letter to Gov Lucas - respecting the killing of one woman on Birch wood River of the Red Cedar near the Des Moines - & one other taken prisoner by a hunting party of 8 Fox Indians about the last of the Month in March.

Monday 20th

From the 14 to this date I have been engaged with my official papers - necessary visits of Indians and all kinds mess in the Agency - Also - replying to the Rev A Bennis attack upon my official report in 1838 - on Schools & Missions - Also - in again bringing to the notice of the President the necessity of an Orphan Asylum for the Sioux to be located near Fort Snelling - where the \$5000 set apart in the Treaty of Sept 29. 1837 -

Tuesday 21st

The Chaps begin to send in their rolls of Flocks - numbering them - men - women & children in anticipation of the annual payment for 1839. Steam Boat Glencoe - Capt P. Stebbins arrived this day from St Louis. Maj Stuart P.M. & family papers to pay the troops - Capt Lynde & family - Mr. Robinson & his - A package from Gov. Lucas - enclosing additional regulations for payment of Annuitants & of new bonds to be given the States for \$20,000 Letters sent in reply - also one to Gov Lucas on the Foxe Murder of a Sioux woman on the Birch wood River of the Red Cedar - Maj Stuart was extensive with my bond with my signature - & to ask Kenneth McKeggs & P. Chuteau to become my securities & when executed to forwarding it to Gov Lucas. The Glencoe left - with a letter to Mr. T.

Wednesday 22nd May 1839.

I find this day that Whiskey was in the
Gleens for D. Faribault — perhaps only
in his hands. but for some other person
a little time with determination —
The Whiskey was not permitted to be landed
on the west bank of the Mississippi.

The Little Crows people killed a large
breeding Sow. East for
He reported the fact to me
Whiskey will produce something more serious.

Thursday 23rd —

The men left the Fort last night and
Leaves of of Crows for Whiskey — for drinks
and some more mutinous — & the former
house filled — Threats to kill officers
It is said Indians from the Landing beyond — if
the Sioux are more temperate
than most Indians. They generally love
the article too much to cast it with
any one — Old Faribault got \$80. for
one yellow hair by Sirs. Manners —
Several Indians at the Agency this day.

Friday 24.

An explanatory letter to Mr. Lucas on the
Contracts entered into without Special authority
by the Agent — Not time to consult the Dept.
the funds being absolutely necessary to keep
friendly feelings with the Indians.

A letter rec^d from the Rev^d J. W. Pope — declining
(from no special narrow statute) to remain
as Farmer for the Little Crows Village
The Chief had previously arrived & asked if
I rec^d a letter from Mr. P. relation to
his breaking up his School —

Replying in the negative — He then said
in presence of his people that

He was sorry for the occurrence & believed Mr
Pope would not leave them — as he was sure they
could not get another man — who would do as
well for them — that he was a hard working and
a good man —

The Agent replied by saying —
"I am gratified my friends to hear you speak thus
of Mr. Pope — I will write to him & beg him to look
over what may have been taken place — & remain as
your Farmer at the Village — That I write that
if he remains you & your people will support
and protect him from insults —

Answer
Yes — write & I will take the letter and tell
him so — that we will not permit him to be
molested if he will stay & attend to our
business.

I wrote fully accordingly —

Mr. Campbell the Interpreter called
& said — Sir — I have news for you — which
explains Mr. Pope's letter —
Good authority says — that Alex. Faribault
has bribed the Chief & his people for one
Barrel of Whiskey — to cause Mr. Pope to
learn that he may get the Mission House
and the farming for the Indians

D. Faribault & A. G. had 6 Barrels of
Whiskey landed at the Caves from the
Gleens & Boat — her last trip —

It appears that Whiskey is to be the lever in the hands
of half breeds to coerce the Agent through the Indians
to give up into their hands the affairs of the Nation
to the end that they may the more effectually steep
the poor creatures of all the benefits of their treaty
subventions with the government — Knowing the
incapacity of such half breeds — and want of industry
integrity or sobriety — I must however shield the
Indians from their illegal capacity — It is
a thousand pities for all parties that this feeling, and
state of things should really exist.

St. Peters Saturday 25th May 1839

Weather quite cool for the season - River high -

The Six Chiefs " " " " " "

Eagle Head & 3 calves at the Office this morning -

The Chiefs spoke feelingly upon the affairs of his people - He had no sinews but the teeth to tell - 3 more additional names were only to add to the list of lost years

Viz Patah-tah wah . . . 6 New family

Oke pee Kee ah? . . . 5

Ee kahw-dutah . . . 2

The Chief further said - Whatever idle fellows may say of you I only feel ashamed of them - I know you, and your efforts to serve our nation all honest and good men know this as well as I do

Excuse me for naming anything to you of this kind - it comes into my mind & I merely speak of it paying no attention to base words -

Mahzahn koh tah Deceased Chief of his Father's Band called at the Office this day with several friends - I handed him a letter from Mr. H. H. Sibley. Nominating as their Request Louis Martin a Canadian for Farmer for their Band under 6th Clause 2^d of Treaty of Sept 29. 1837

Reply of the Agents

my dear Sir - Your favour of this date by the Chief of Black dog Band - nominating as their Request Louis Martin for the Office of former ^{for their release} has been received -

I regret that the regulations of the Department forbid the employing of foreigners - ^{in the Indian Country} - and Citizens of the U. States. Qualifications for the Station can be had

Others were the applications of Louis Martin were in favour of your consideration -

H. H. Sibley Esq
New Hope

With respect & esteem
your old friend

Laus P. S. S. S. S.

Sawb Laustons called at the Office & reports the loss of a Black Canoe - that he went to Lake Cross Village and found it in possession of Betty - sister of the Ratter. They refused to deliver it up unless 12 yds of Flannel was given for it -

To be attended to & reported upon on Monday -

The Soldiers after which no doubt led the Boat adrift at the Landing at Maples -

The Chief Essetah Kumbah, a brother of the Deceased Swore around from Travels des Sioux & called at the Office this night -

The fact may seem strange - but never thus too true - that for 20 years & particularly within the last 15 - when highly respectable Chiefs call at the Agency

No

Mistake

I may regret the day I built houses here at my own cost

whether far or near - the government has yet never furnished accommodations - for a single night - but there have been fees, & sleep in the houses of the Agent & the Interpreters at their own cost, & great inconvenience and even annoyance - Not a man allowed to go of errands - makes fine to ride the Agent in a single unpleasant office -

\$10,000 was allowed to R. S. Schuchert for his comfort & punctually convenient - in building a palace at the Saute de St. Marie - who now under the Authority of the Dept spends his Summers at Mackinac & his winters in Detroit -

when the regulations treat other Agents to their offices - the excuse is a very supple of Michigan - when his beautiful treat of economy have nailed the tribes to the State for ages -

One fourth less Expended than any other, but this Agency has been conducted, & the more I curtail expenses the more I have been curtailed, this is consistently ungenerous in the Department - facts are on file -

Sunday 26th

Nothing of importance transpired during this rainy day - Canadians & Soldiers were drunk near the gang last night - Indians if drunk - as yet keep aloof - I crown an address to the two territories on the present state of this country as to Whiskey - & what the frontier may soon experience if we checked or put down

Monday 27th May 1839

Some appearance of rain again this morning -
 cold & unpleasant for the season.
 At 10 o'clock this day - on Pilot Knob - alias Mt. Sanguankee
 250 of the Superior band of Foxes arrived - formed Synagogue
 & came in drums beating - Flap flying & all
 then mounted horses well.
 Trained our Sioux 150 miles up the St. Peters - in a week
 of land more than half surrounded by the
 River - here a short walk - seems to weary
 travelers some 10 or 15 miles.
 The boys are to dance their Ceremonies at the
 Agency this evening - a custom which is to
 amuse the Indians a sort of amusement
 rather than interest - the monthly dancing has
 lined some off.
 I counted with me the roots of the the several
 bands of Sioux - & found water later than
 "Good Road" & Black Dog & others
 200. names - a tedious duty - then remain
 260 yet to enroll independently of the Wahpaukoots
 Total 460 ^{Superior band} heads of families & individuals with their
 families of the Muskawakanton band of Sioux

Received a 2^d letter from the Rev. Thos. Pope of
 the Mission Farm - Letter bears relation
 stating his determination to leave the
 service as farmer for the Indians unless
 he could obtain from them certain privileges
 I replied by the day - stating my impression as to in-
 formation I have received that some angry
 person was at work upon the head men
 to remove him for their convenience & for
 this reason if no other I would sustain
 & support him in any manner not
 incompatible with my official duty -
 I requested him to call at the office as soon as
 convenient - that I had no doubt but
 that his views might be met as to the
 operations of his Mission School & the
 farming for the Indians - that it might be
 well to place his school in light of the town East

of the Mississippi on the head of the "Grand Marais"
 brand - which I knew was the wish & view of the Indians
 or even a few hundred yards below the village and
 the second side -

I am to add the Rev. J. Denton of Lake Pepin
 on his appointment & approval as farmer for the
 Indians at his present place -

Tuesday May 28th

Very little activity with most of the Sioux about
 or at what hour they may visit the Agent or any
 one else - either on business or to beg -
 at the river - Breakfast - dinner - or supper hours in all
 the same to them - so it suits their convenience.
 Mr. Hutton does - call for the letter to Mr. Denton - the
 same as he came not back immediately.

Samuel W. Pons Substitutes John H. Pons in his
 contract by written consent of parties this day.
 Legally sealed & delivered by all the parties.
 So that the U. States agree to take John Pons as
 farmer for the Sioux of Lake Calhoun - from the
 first day of July 1839. The arrangement is best
 in all respects for the Indians - as known to the
 parties -

Wednesday 29

The Small Pox appears here brought by the
 Wahpaukoots Sioux of the Des Moines
 Wah. Ma du Sappah }
 John Sanga } being from the Des Moines
 Ahpaukoota } Cannon River Terra Blunt

Then with the Superior of Foxes & Sioux
 make 300 bows making rough-hewn
 stick or pole for paying money of the
 Lake Calhoun Bands.

Wah. Ma. du. Chief of the Foxes and
 the Burning Earth - of the North Superior
 are expected in a few days by their people
 their people all assembling at the Agency
 without an invitation -

It is an overwhelming misfortune that
 our contracts & supplies should be so delayed -

The Two Sons of Siyah or Red Eagle late of
 the Wahpaukotas deceased -
 Some interesting conversations with them on the merits
 of their late Father - & hoped they would follow
 in his foot steps - that if they did so - they might
 rest assured that I would be found there on all
 befitting occasions - The young men seemed
 well pleased on the substance of my comments

1839. Thursday 30. May -

I notified the Chiefs of the several Bands yesterday
 to bring in their people to the Agency - that
 Doctor Emmon might extend to \$1500
 himmence of them the benefits of Vaccination
 The small pox having appeared in this
 vicinity - introduced by the Wahpaukotas -
 but was attended - as the most respect but little
 upon the consequences of delay - & seem more
 disposed to fight and defend at the camp
 made out the Muster Role of the Six Nations
 339 souls. - an excellent job. -

The Rev. Mr. King at the office with a prospectus
 for a School - at Mr. Baker's - one being
 much wanted.

Friday 31st

Visited the Mission, & formed an order at Lakes Stearns &
 Cahoon - & examined the operations of the farmers
 for the Indians - found things as usual arranged
 as our means in hand at present. - wanted also -
 I made off land on the Little Falls Creek extending to
 a Marsh near Mud Lake. for the location of the Centum
 peater Orphan Asylum, & formed for its support in part -
 300 yards below the bridge at the Little Falls &
 including the water power in Little Creek No 2
 300 yards east of Mud Lake. - No 3 - 300 yards
 below the road leading to the Falls of Anthony
 No 4 - 400 yards below the bridge on the
 Little Falls - The lines from 4 Posts on both
 sides of the Little Falls Creek embrace 640 acrs
 extending from a Post 300 yards east
 of Lord Cabin remains - to the small bridge
 on the line the Little Falls -

Frank Steele now
 has on a patch of
 Potatoes - secured
 all the land together
 with the land he had
 in case at the Little
 Falls -

I deem it expedient in the delays of Mr. Clay Land
 Robbers & preats. to secure in this form a force &
 suitable placed for the purpose. I secured for the
 operations of the Agency - & was without embargo
 to the public service - If not wanted then I should
 then be an individual claim recognized. I
 may take advantage of it or not as I might best be
 put with justice & propriety - My claim is \$2728 -

Capt Scott seems much disturbed at the idea
 but I think as I am no Signatur - the government
 will force me at all times, & on all occasions
 from & true to her interests - I can not what
 may be idly said by any one - I know what
 will properly Canadian Refuges & others find
 doing thus in their own right - of which they
 unjustly suspect me of - but for the sake of
 the government I will drop all disagreeing
 news if I can -

Saturday June 1st 1839

A note from P.S. from the Comg Officers Maj. Plympton
 this morning on the subject of a Lodge on the
 South side of the River - containing persons
 infected with the small pox - asking their removal
 from the Post & Reservation -

The Lodge was accordingly struck & the family moved
 to the Encampment on the Hills near
 the Am & Cys Post -

A long conversation with the Commanding Officer
 this morning on the subject of Signatur on
 on the public domain around Fort Snelling
 their Character - Conduct & intentions all
 but enough -

I made soon order all Canadians from the
 Indian Country - The Indians demanded if
 Martin Scott of the 5th Regt - accompanied by me
 this day that - it was not necessary for him
 to give himself any trouble as to my affairs
 that if he had a "Bag in his hand" yesterday
 as my movements. His fears & remarks as
 to Signatur for protection. and proceeds
 & uncalculated for - & it was best for every one
 to mind his own business - and that of
 others honestly employed abroad -

Scott very ignorant
 correct of our policy
 but no prospect
 in coming out -
 He has some men
 in his company with
 one for his baggage

The S.B. Pennsylvania - Capt Stone arrived this day from Pittsburgh & Pileas - passengers Mrs Plympton & 3 children - Supr Genl Woods Maj. Hitchcock U.S.A. & passengers from Pittsburgh - Cincinnati & St Louis

No Indian goods, or provisions by this Boat for the Agency pay much - The Indians have much in want of their supplies - at this moment - The Small Pox - & other disease seems prevailing -

Five boats this Spring & yet our affairs seem delayed for low water -

An Agent can count on nothing certain in this Country to say his people - every thing seems clouded in mystery -

Genl. Woods Inspects the Troops - Genl Beecher in Company Comd the Regt - Maj Plympton Comd this Post -

Letter of the 14th May - & ~~the 14th May~~ a piece on the condition of things sent to Gov. Lucas for publication -

Sunday June 2^d 1839.

The Ladies & gentlemen of the Steam Boat Penn^a are taken to the Falls this day in the public teams, & in some private conveyances some 30 females & as many males -

The joint Bands of music in the afternoon give a Buffalo Dance at the Boat - for which a present of a box of Crackers & one of flour is given -

Letter to Gov Lucas as to the Agency claim the Lucia - Chippewa. Affairs - Small Pox & other matters on farms - butchers & others - & contract for cattle all dated June 3^d 1839. sent by Major E A Hitchcock -

Conference finally with Genl Woods on what they the Squatters on public lands owned the Fort - Canadians & others - in Indian lands &c -

The Steam Boat left for St Louis - Letter to Mr J. Hunt by this Boat

Monday June 3^d 1839 -

1 Letter to Gov Lucas on the situation of the Lucia - fine boots no annuity - no provisions - Small Pox. Deposition - at delay in fulfilling T. Shipton

Take Sanger - Chief & party of Wat-pa-Ro-ta-Seen of the Des Moines culture at the Office The Chief said

My Father - we came here early without an invitation to see you on the affairs of my people The two Nations below (Sacs & Foxes) do not listen to you or the words of our great Father -

" we are few this - you know & all from the inroads from people you well know, and I did think after our visit to our great Father in 1837. that he would shield the few remaining men I have from the wars of the Sacs & Foxes - but it seems not to be the case

" If we are now but few - it was your fault you advised us to keep the peace - we do so - & the result is by listening to us we ought we are now almost destroyed -

As another Boat had arrived I thought you might have some news for us. for this reason I called into your house to hear what was going on, & if our Agency had come we are here & cannot now return to the Des Moines - we finished planting our corn & our people came in here to keep out of the way of our old enemies - least they might again come to war & find us all unprepared - we have no ammunition -

You went below & we all felt easy as you had known our wants & did hope that by this time we should have received our things -

We are distressed & miserable - our people sick and we see your door & feel long when we shall get a monthful to keep us alive - we are subsiding you have as yet nothing in your hands - but have money which we think ought to bring you any thing - we expect you will take pity on our situation as we now must stay here until our goods come it is too far off to return home, and come back when sent for again -

Shakopee & the Six Chiefs arrived from the
French Village 20 miles within four
days of his escape & say -
My Father - we heard from big game yesterday
and thinking some food news had come
we had come down - not to Council
as I had but few with me -
You know I have 75 or 80 men in my village
350 souls in all. I look out for them
I have arranged but it seems as though you
live with our business in Council last
fall. our Amenity seems as long in
getting to us now as last year -
Our negotiations will not all be fulfilled if
seems our great Father is slow or he
does not mean to fulfill his words.
we thought when we went on to Washington &
made our treaty we thought so well
but it seems we are worn off -
Loo Loo Loo - but all in vain

The Agency.
My friends
This is the month in which
you were to be paid. it is true that 5 boats have
been here this spring - yet the 6th may bring all
the money - this is but the 3rd day in this moon
& 27. yet to pay. when this time passes and
yet our fulfillment of your treaty - then talk -
until then be silent - words are winds and
sounding off - your rights are known to me -
I have done all that mortal man can
or could do whose hands are tied to one place
where your affairs are in my hands & no one
between me and you - then your business
would never stand still. Satisfaction might
at times be concluded to force men - the best
nothing will satisfy -
My friends - go around be as not in your
minds - for as soon as your Amenity
get into my hands they shall faithfully
& promptly fall into yours - on this you
may rely -
I am properly the time with men to work for & break up
your lands - so that you may begin to live
by cultivating the earth - when ready you
will know all - Loo Loo

Tuesday June 4th 1839

The Supton Board of Sioux at the office this morning
as an early hour.
Old "How Eyes" Eose Tah - Mahzaks & the "Male Raven"
entered the office - and desired to say that
they were in want of provisions
Negah. 3rd Heads man of Lake Calhoun called to enter
his family on the pay roll - for their Amenity
17. Soldiers Confound East night for drunkenness
Mostly released this morning - they get whiskey
on the other side of the Mississippi - from a
grocery established East by Joseph R. Brown -
So bad has things become - that some persons unknown
have a visit last night to this place & destroyed
the forebats of the inmate for a while -
Shakopee - 3
Eagle Head 3
Chiefs call to see me in the subject of their
Amenity - former - Mr. Torrbault being nominated
I wrote him a note saying - "The Chiefs of the
Sioux village have called on me & named him
as their farmer & if he desired the treaty
he might spendly apply at this office, and
learn the conditions of his contract -
I closed by saying to the Chiefs that "if Mr. Oliver Torrbault
did not accept the situation & sign the contract
I would assign another person myself -"
Contract closed with Oliver Torrbault (Chateau) as
Farmer for the Sioux of Shakopee Village
Mr. F. is the Sioux -
Mr. Holton - appointed Farmer for Black Dog
Village was sent to examine the lands
around the Bluffs on the River - for a
farming location for the Indians -
He returned after a hard days tramping & his report
is not very flattering on the prospects
either as to soil - water or position -
One more meeting in Council with this Board
before a final decision -
Many Indians at the Agency this day -
They seem but little disposed to
exert themselves for better times
either for themselves or their families
than if sustained in all their views to have
the Indians both satisfied & comfortable -

Wednesday June 5th 1839

The Steam Boat Glencoe arrived at 1/2 past 5 o'clock this morning from St. Louis. The 6th arrivals this season. She is large but got up with no great difficulty. —
 Passengers — Mrs. A. G. Harrison of Napoleon — Mrs. Stoddard & Miss Gile of St. Louis — Mr. Alchison — Mr. Billow — Stoddard & others — who were sent to the Falls of St. Mary in a private team —
 The Boat delivered the Pork Contract for this Post. & finally filled the Sacks. —
 In the evening dropped down to the American Landing — expecting to land on tomorrow.

Thursday 6th

Letter of the 5th Nominating — O. Carter & William Manning for Treaty limits under 5th Clause of the Treaty of Washington of Sept 29. 1837 — also Nominating — J. B. Stevens — C. Farrel — Peter Dew & John Stollen for farmers — same Clause. sent on by the Boat. —
 S. B. Ainslie — Capt Lyon arrived this day from St. Louis — bringing Provisions only for the Sioux — \$5.500. in Corn, Pork Flour &c. No news in Maj. Pritchett's letter — reference as to the goods and money under the Treaty of 1830 or 37. —
 Letter from McKim at Dubuque — who asks the State he was done with the whole of his Contract. — of cattle horses &c. for the Sioux. —
 S. B. Ainslie left again this evening —

Hauled Friday 7th a few Provisions

Carts hard to get. to haul the provisions it being a heavy job — will cost 80 dollars at least to haul them from the Landing to the Agency house — 598 Sacks Corn 375. Flour 50 Pork 17 Tallow. —
 7 carts at \$3. per day — and will consume the best portion if not the whole of 3 days to get all hauled

The Wahpaukoota Sioux are sick with the Small Pox — 1 died at the Camp last night 4 others sick —

Saturday June 8th 1839

Many Indians at the Agency this day — from all the Villages — a dance by the bands in full uniforms Blue, yellow & white —
 P. Dew returned from his Express trip to the Chippewas — brings a letter — which gives conclusively the opinion of the Chippewas that they will not go to Laporte to receive their Annuit —
 The letter will be sent to Governor Dodge —
 A large body of Chippewas expected here nothing can keep them back —

Sunday 9th

This day the Chiefs & heads men of 4 villages — viz "Big Thunder" }
 Mah-zah-luk-tah } came to see about the
 Tah-chunk-wah-tan } quantity & quality of the
 Hoc-mock } provisions put together up —
 Ah-ne-pa-wee-chah-tah } they took a portion only
 of Corn & Tallow &c. —

I explained to the Sioux the intended visit of the Chippewas Chief "The hole in the Day" & his people — to see Gov Dodge if possible in regard of the payment of their Annuit — & the half breed money — & the debts of the traders —

That should they come it would be on a friendly visit — & the Sioux must meet them on the same grounds — & show them that they will not infringe the rights of hospitality &c.

I said but later news

My own private opinion is that some difficulty may be apprehended — brought about by some two or three idle fools — yet I will see the Indians in a public Council on tomorrow & hear their sentiments — If not satisfactory

I will send an Express to Round River to flag the coming of the Chippewas if practicable

Put on Board Ship at St. Louis & River Steamer

1	1. Barrel Cranberries	15	17.50
2	1. Barrel Lard - from St. Louis	15	2.50
3	1. Box Sundries - lard with Cotton Core	10	20.00
4	1. Soap Hair Trunk - do		1.50
5	1. Box Blankets & bedding - do	3	
6	1. Leather Trunk - do	14	
7	1. Bag & Basket with papers	11	
8	1. Glass Lamp	00.87	
9	1. Air Brass gun	1.00	
10	2. Boards - Cedar & Cotton wood	1.	
12	1. Brass Piston	30.00	
13	1. Pipe Tomhanks (4 Rows)	20	
14	1. Mat Indian	1.50	

\$112.37 up 40

May 20. 1839

O. Ruscio. Dr. 5 B^l Flour 35- 1 B^l Pork 19 1/2 54 - Lt. White 35-

Flour 2 B^l & Pork - \$54 - Libby - 21 -

Pork: 1 B^l P. Pork - \$75.00 22. 43. \$20.

Porks. 2 1/2 B^l Flour 21.
 Porks - 82
 Pot. 2 1/2 B^l Flour \$43.00
 22.00
 11.00
 O. Ruscio 25.00
 A. N. S. 10
 B. Sta. 12 1/2
 B. Spruce 3:50
 Purcote Drawers 25
 B. F. Baker Fed. 261.50
 250.00
 511:50

173.50

17.50
 3
 20.50
 1.50
 22.00

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U.S. Agent

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 1813 Expense
 26. years - 9. mo. in the army & Indian Affairs

27. years.

40. Flour. 1 Pork Nov 6.



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List of House Hold Furniture
Loose & in Boxes for Transportation
to Beapora & prices —

1. Side Board New —	\$45.00
1. Side dining Table - do —	30.00
1. Side Hand Iron Shovel &c —	14.00
2 Carpets - 20 - & 40 —	60.00
1. Piano Forte Stool cloth &c —	280.00
1. Work Stand —	8.00
1. Large Feather Bed —	35.00
1. Large Mattress —	15.00
1. Small Bed pillows &c —	15.00
1. Ladies Saddle —	15.00
6 pair of Blankets —	30.00
3 Massais Dusters —	28.00
1. Set Costers —	12.00
1. doz Cut Wines —	6.25
1. doz Corn clo —	3.00
10 Cut Tumblers —	4.50
4 Cut Glass Decanters —	18.00
2 China Pitchers —	6.00
1. Brass Tea Kettle —	3.75
4. Large Pitchers —	3.00
1/2 doz Nut Crackers —	1.87
1 doz Cup plates glass —	2.20
1 Cut Crystal Glasses —	5.00
1 Sugar Bowl } Glass —	2.00
1 Cream Jug - } Glass —	2.00
Glass Saucers —	2.00
1 doz Black & White plates —	2.00
1/2 doz China Cups & Saucers —	3.00
1 oil painting —	20.00
\$656.87	

Shirts - Table cloths - Towels - Clothes
Silver spoons - & various other
Articles in Boxes not enumerated

The original "List of House Hold
furniture. . ." of which this is a
photocopy, is in the Taliaferro Journal,
vol. 14, pages b and c.

1. Wagon & harness	636.87
2 Oxen & 2 yokes	150.00
5 Cows	60.00
at 18.	90.00
3 Calves at 4	12.00
2 Scatter Beds	20.00
1 new Carpet	28.50
1. Chest of drawers	15.00
1. Toilet glass	9.00
1. Rocking Chair	8.00
1. Siller	8.00
1 1/2 doz Chairs	27.50
1. Fire rug	6.50
	<u>\$1310.37 1/2</u>